

Recycle Coach Composting Activity Packet

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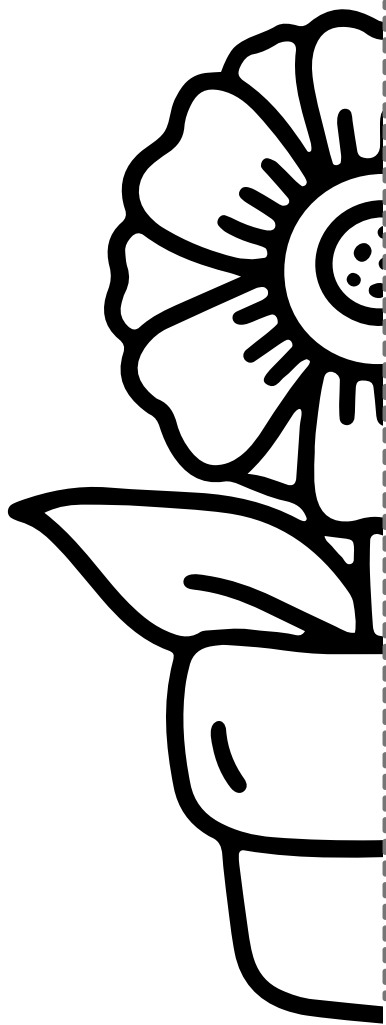
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Draw the Other Half

Directions: Draw a mirror image of the outline given to complete the picture. Finish the picture by coloring it in.

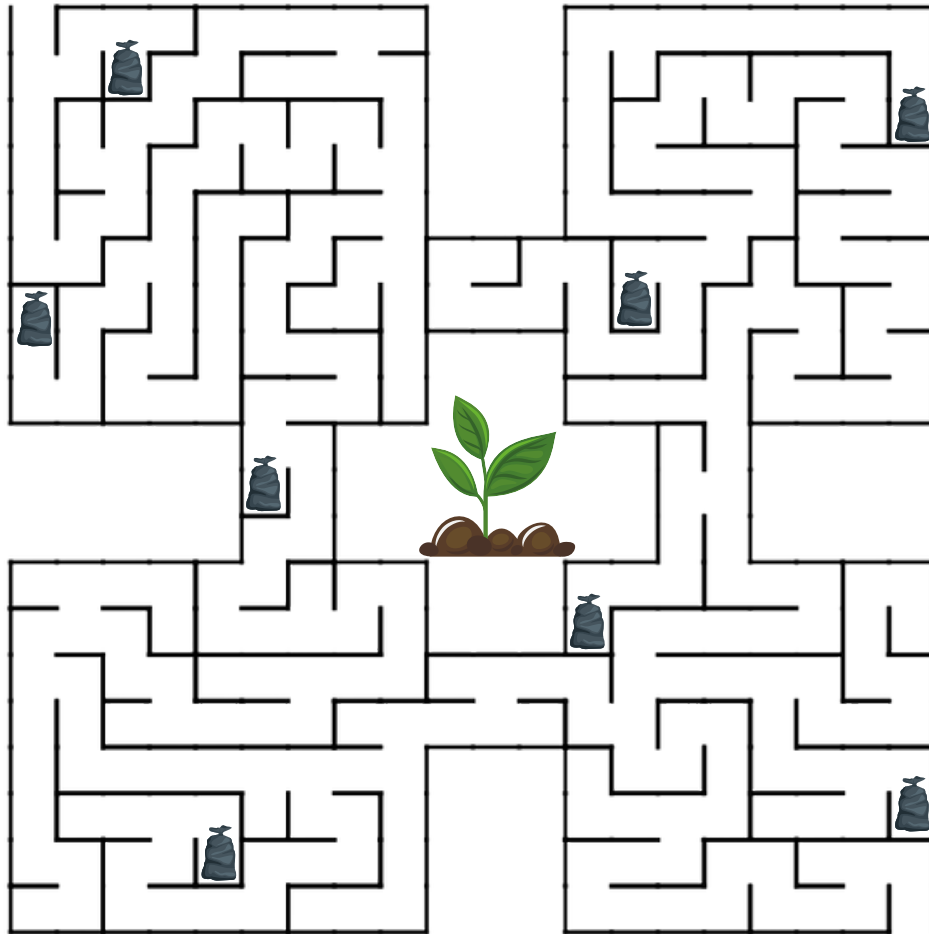


Gardening can be a great way to use your composted soil. Be sure to look up in the 'What Goes Where' search tool how to properly dispose of gardening materials such as plastic flower trays, weeds, plastic garden soil bags, etc.



Maze

Directions: Can you get the apple through the maze and to the compost? If you've reached a garbage bag, you've gone the wrong way!



Sort the Items

Directions: Circle the items that can go into your compost.



Word Search

Directions: Find and circle all the listed gardening items that are hidden in the grid. Then look up each item in the 'What Goes Where' search tool on the Mobile App. Check the box if it is recyclable.

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Ceramic Flowerpot

Food Waste

Garden Hose

Mulch

Plastic Plant Tray

Rake

Topsoil Bag

Tree Branches

Weeds



Word Jumble

Directions: Unscramble the jumbles and write one letter in each box to see what some main composting materials are. Then arrange the grayed letter boxes to answer the final question.

1 riftu →

2 sasrg →

3 eevsla →

4 gisegev →

What are we helping when we compost?

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Hidden Picture

Directions: Find the following hidden items in the picture. Then look up these items in the Recycle Coach App to find out if they are accepted in your local program. Check the box if it is recyclable.

Apple Core

Glass Jar

Milk Carton

Diaper

Juice Box

Tin Can



Start a Compost

Help recycle your food waste as compost!

Composting is all about finding the right balance of ingredients. Using water, air, sunlight, green materials, and brown materials, you can start producing rich topsoil that'll give your garden a natural boost.

Brown materials are any carbon-rich matter and green materials are any nitrogen or protein-rich matter. There should be about two to four parts brown material to every one part green material. Adding even more brown material will eliminate the odor, but too much brown materials will slow down the process.

Be sure to keep your compost moist like a sponge. Break down materials as small as possible before adding them. Turn the pile regularly to make sure all parts get enough air. The perfect pile shouldn't stink. It should smell like soil. And when it's done composting, it'll look like chocolate cake.

GREEN MATERIALS

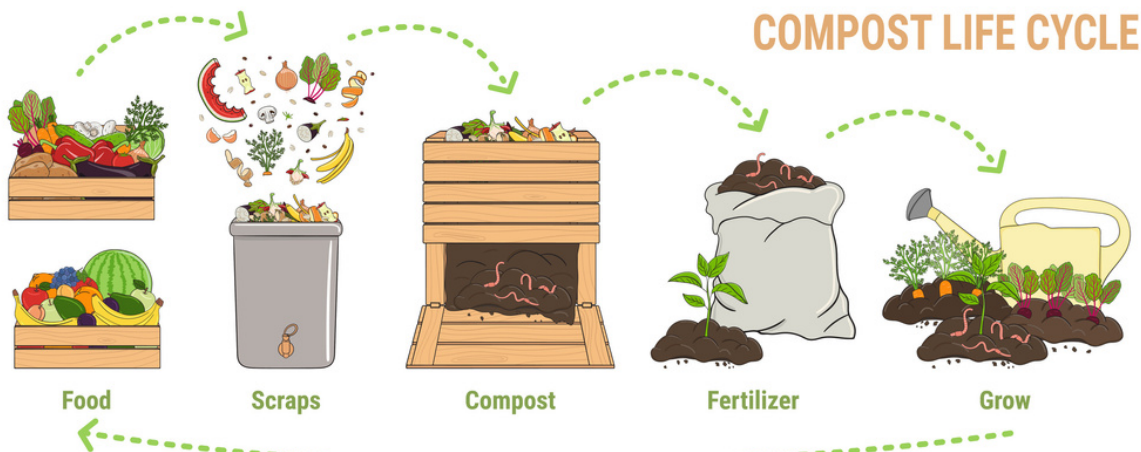
- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Coffee grounds and teabags
- Fresh leaves and plants
- Grass clippings
- Other organic kitchen waste

BROWN MATERIALS

- Breads and grains
- Nutshells and egg shells
- Shredded newspaper
- Dead leaves
- Twigs and small branches

DO NOT COMPOST

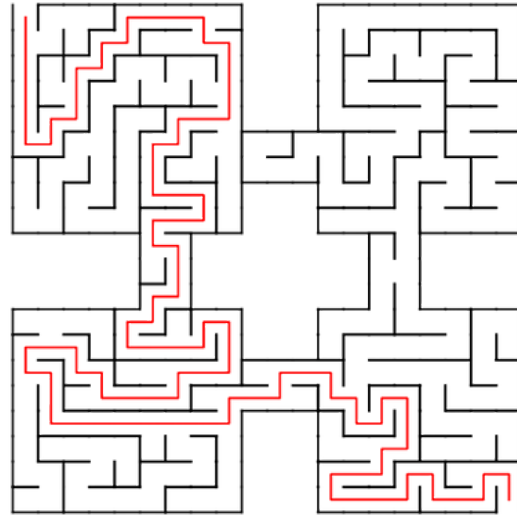
- Fats, grease, or oils
- Dairy products, meat, or fish
- Pet waste or litter
- Yard waste with pesticides
- Coal or ashes



Answer Key

*** Each recycling program is unique in what it accepts, therefore any activity that asks you to look up items in the 'What Goes Where' search tool will not have answers provided in this answer key. The correct answer for each item are searchable on the Recycle Coach Mobile App.

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Answer Key

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- 1 fruit
- 2 grass
- 3 leaves
- 4 veggies
- 5 Earth

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