

## Resource List for Composting from Top to Bottom

### GLOBAL COMPOSTING INITIATIVES:

- International Solid Waste Association [iswa.org](http://iswa.org)
- European Compost Network [compostnetwork.info](http://compostnetwork.info)
- Solid Waste Association of North America [swana.org](http://swana.org)

### COMMUNITY COMPOSTING INITIATIVES

- Institute for Local Self Reliance [ilsr.org](http://ilsr.org)
- BioCycle [BioCycle.org](http://BioCycle.org)
- Queens Botanical Garden [compost@queensbotanical.org](mailto:compost@queensbotanical.org)

### HOME COMPOSTING INITIATIVES

Vegetable Gardeners' Bible, Edward C. Smith. North Adams MA: Storey Publishing, 2000

Let It Rot! The Gardener's Guide to Composting. Stu Campbell. North Adams MA: Storey Publishing, 1998

"Home Composting". Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County  
[ccesuffolk.edu](http://ccesuffolk.edu)

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County <http://ccesuffolk.org/gardening/horticulture-factsheets>

"Soil Texture"

"Soil Organic Matter"

"Home Composting". New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station at Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension [www.rce.rutgers.edu](http://www.rce.rutgers.edu)

"Home Composting: Intro to Composting." New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8799.html>

Baltz, Michelle. "Composting for a New Generation: Latest Techniques for the Bin & Beyond." Minneapolis, MN: Cool Springs Press, 2018

Garnham, Peter. "Get Serious About Compost." Fine Gardening (Issue 138). <https://www.finegardening.com/article/get-serious-compost>

Last, but not least: GOOGLE, GOOGLE, GOOGLE. There are an amazing number of videos that will show you different methods you can use. You WILL find one or two that will fit in with your needs.

## COMPOST RECIPES

### **Trash Bin Compacter**

- 1 shovel mulch, wood chips/straw
- 3 parts brown leaves
- 1 part vegetable scraps

### **African Keyhole**

- 6 parts straw/shredded leaves
- 1 part manure
- 1 part food scraps
- 1 part green plant trimmings

### **Sheet Composting** (Alternate layers, starting with paper)

- 1 part black & white newspaper/cardboard
- 3 parts brown leaves
- 2 parts straw
- 1 part manure
- 1 part food scraps
- 1 part yard trimmings
- 1 part finished compost

### **Hot Composting** (Freeze kitchen scraps from 1 month

- 6 parts dry shredded leaves
- 3 parts shredded newspaper/straw/cardboard
- 1 part manure or coffee grounds
- 1 part grass or plant trimmings
- 1 part food scraps
- 1 part good finished compost