



You can give your new plants a great start with organic compost. Making compost is as simple as mixing old fruits & veggies, plant clippings, coffee grounds, eggshells, & other biodegradable items in a bin or pile outside. To keep odors down, try adding 2 or 3 parts of "browns" (newspaper, dead leaves, paper napkins, etc.) for every 1 part of "greens" (fruit & vegetable pieces, coffee grounds, grass clippings, etc.). Don't include meat, bones, or dairy in your compost. Turn your pile once a week & layer with soil from the garden or sawdust. Add a little water to keep it moist. Within a few weeks the scraps you put in will break down & your compost should be dark with an earthy smell. In addition to planting, you can use this compost around your garden, mix it in with other soil, or apply it as a top dressing for your lawn. Composting is a efficient way to give your plants what they need while cutting down on food waste that clogs up landfills!

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