



# Composting Materials: Green vs. Brown

Green means **high in nitrogen** and brown means **high in carbon**.

Shred larger items for faster composting.

Do not compost diseased plants.

## Greens

Mostly wet or recently growing/living materials



Grass Clippings



Coffee Grounds



Tea Bags



Fresh Yard Waste



Chopped Fruit and Vegetable Scraps



Egg Shells



Plant Trimmings



Weeds\*

\*Only compost weeds which have not gone to seed

## Browns

Dry or woody plant material



Dry Leaves\*\*



Paper Egg Cartons



Newspapers



Cardboard



Straw



Paper Bags



Dry Yard Waste



Sawdust



Wood Ash

\*\*Stockpile leaves in the fall, so you have a steady supply of browns all year