

COMPOSTING 101

Los Fundamentos del Compostaje

Si tiene preguntas en español llame al numero (727)587-6740 Ext. 7630

Thank you for doing your part to support a sustainable Largo! View the full composting guide online at LargoRecycles.com including how to best set-up your bin.



NEEDS THE BROWN AND DRY



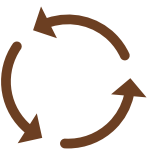
- Put an initial 4-to-6 inch base of "dry browns" in the bottom of the bin such as:
- Dry or dead plants
- Dry leaves
- Dry twigs
- Dry branches
- Shredded paper, paper towels, napkins, tissues, coffee filters
- Dryer lint, human and pet hair

NEEDS THE GREENS AND FOOD SCRAPS



- Add material in layers of 'greens' and 'browns' with browns as the base and top layer.
- Add a layer of chopped 'green' kitchen and garden organics such as:
- Fruit and vegetable peels
- Plant trimmings
- Egg shells, pasta, rice, grains
- Coffee grounds and tea bags

DON'T FORGET TO ADD WATER AND ROTATE



- Mix occasionally (every 1-2 weeks) by turning the pile with a compost turner, pitchfork or shovel to allow air circulation
- Don't mix freshly added layers
- Check moisture regularly; add water if it's too dry, or browns if it's too wet
- Add enough moisture so the pile is about as wet as a wrung-out sponge



NO THANKS!



- Don't add meats, fish, fats, oils, grease, or pet waste
- Don't add excessive grass, diseased plants, or charcoal



Within the first week, you should notice the pile is warm and may have a slightly sweet, pleasant smell - your compost is "cooking!" Remove finished compost as needed after 8-12 weeks through the lower harvest door to use on gardens, lawns, trees, shrubs and houseplants.



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LEARN MORE...

Composting is one of many ways you can make Largo more sustainable for generations to come. To learn more about other sustainability initiatives, visit OurFutureLargo.com.



City Services:

The City of Largo is proud to offer a variety of services to enhance community sustainability including:

- Free electric vehicle charging stations
- A Neighborhood Grant open to all residents
- Recycling services and drop-off locations
- Monthly education workshops on a variety of topics
- A Largo Sustainable Business Guide
- Parks, trails, preserves and other green spaces to enjoy
- Reclaimed water services

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Community Partners:

The City of Largo is proud to bring you the Community Composting Program in partnership with Keep Pinellas Beautiful whose Mission is to conserve and beautify our natural environment by means of community engagement and education.



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