

# BS Compost

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## What is Compost?

- The word compost is loosely used, but what is it really?

## Large Scale Agriculture Compost:

- BS Compost uses the windrow method to make compost.
- Compost is made to organic standards by monitoring temperatures, moisture and turnings which takes about 3 months from start (raw manure and straw) to finish (microbe filled, rich dirt).
- The benefits of compost over many commercial fertilizers are the addition of biological life to help plants grow and bring soil back to life.
- This compost works well in all gardens and yards as well as large agricultural fields.
- This method of compost creation is not the most smell or space effective for creating in your own backyard.
- The difference between large scale compost and back yard composting is the main inputs and the process in which it is completed.

## Compost Tea:

- BS Compost also provides a product called Compost Tea which uses an extraction process rather than brewing as the tea name may suggest.
- High quality compost is run through an extractor which adds water and air to create this microbe rich liquid.
- The benefits of compost tea on plants and soils range from improved yields to plant health to long term improvements in soil structure.

## At Home Compost Tips:

- A ratio of 4 parts brown to 1 part green is a good rule of thumb for backyard compost piles.

Browns (Carbon)	Greens (Nitrogen)	Do Not Add to Compost Pile
Dried Leaves	Kitchen Waste	Plastics
Straw	Plant Vegetation	Cooking or Other Oils
Wood Chips	Food Scraps	Treated Wood
Sawdust	Coffee Grounds	Meats
Newspaper	Manure	Dairy Products
Corn Stalks	Freshly Pulled Weeds	Coated Paper/Excessive Ink
Dried Grass Clippings	Fresh Grass Clippings	Walnuts
Unpaid Bills/Old Love Letters	Pine Needles	Metals

## Troubleshooting At-Home Compost Piles

Pile is not heating up. (You will know if it is heating by touch)

- Check moisture content and add water as needed.
- Has your pile been turned enough/recently? (Depending on stage of the compost).
- Add more green to the pile.

Compost pile smells rotten.

- Make sure pile has been turned recently.
- Check moisture of the pile.
- Add more brown to the pile.

Notes: