

The Ingredients for Success

What's right	What's wrong
The best ingredients to use for making your compost heap include kitchen scraps and yard and garden debris. Nitrogen-rich sources are moist; carbon-based materials are mostly dry and or bulky: Use the following:	Despite their biodegradable properties, many waste products have the potential to become toxic.
grass clippings – kitchen scraps	Do not use any of the following:
plant material such as used potting soil – animal manure (the result of vegetarian diets)	meat – bones – fish – fats – dairy products - bread – grains (most of which cause odor and attract nocturnal creatures)
pet hair - dry leaves – garden trimmings – shredded paper – pine needles –	colored or glossy paper – pet or human waste – chemically treated wood
straw - wood chips	dyed human hair – diseased plants
	invasive plants or weeds
	weeds that have gone to seed