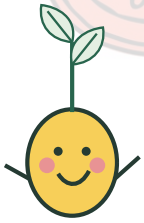
Compost Sorting Game

Discover which everyday materials can go into a simple home compost heap.



Little growers, big discoveries

15 MIN | COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING | AGES 5+ WITH AN ADULT

Grab your kit

Paper, a pencil and two sheets labelled Compost and Leave Out. Colouring pencils are optional.

Your discovery mission

1. Draw or write eight cards: vegetable peelings, apple core, dry leaves, plain uncoated cardboard, plastic wrapper, glass bottle, cooked meat and pet poo.
2. Mix the cards. Sort each onto Compost or Leave Out and explain your choices.
3. Check together: peelings, apple core, dry leaves and plain cardboard go in Compost. The other four go in Leave Out for this simple home heap.
4. Mix the cards again and ask someone else to play. Discuss where the items left out should go using your local disposal instructions.

What did you discover?

A compost ingredient: _____
Something to leave out: _____

Draw your discovery

Let's wonder...

Why might a compost heap need both fresh plant scraps and drier materials?

NEXT ADVENTURE

Add grass clippings and a metal can to the game. Ask an adult to check guidance for your particular compost system.

Play with cards rather than waste. These rules are for a simple home compost heap; council food-waste collections may accept different items.