

# Composting Frequently Asked Questions

## How wet does the pile need to be?

The pile should be damp like a wrung out sponge, neither still dripping nor dry.

## My compost has a bad odor- what should I do?

Turn the pile. It needs air.

## What if the center of my compost pile is dry and white mold is growing there?

Your compost needs water- moisten the pile and turn it.

## What if the center of my pile is damp, but dry everywhere else?

Your pile is either too small or too dry. Either collect more material, or moisten your heap.

## What if the heap is sweet-smelling, but will not heat up?

Try mixing in a nitrogen source (green material).

## What do I do with extra grass clippings and leaves that I can't fit in my pile?

Use extra grass clippings and leaves as mulch around planting.

## What do I do with tree limbs, small brush, or woody waste?

Leave for your designated yard trimming pickup day.