

WILLETTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Composting

"Green and wet, brown and dry, add some poo and water it too."

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'Green and wet'

- Fresh grass clippings [20:1]
- Weeds (no seed heads) [30:1]
- Vegetable food Scraps [25:1]
- Spent garden plants [30:1]
- Banana peel and apple cores [20:1]
- Algae [19:1]
- Citrus (in very minute amounts) [35:1]
- Coffee grounds [20:1]
- Feathers
- Fresh green leaves
- Tea leaves

'Brown and dry'

- Wood chips or old tree prunings (not eucalypts or pine) [400:1 - 800:1]
- Shredded paper (no glossy paper) [175:1]
- Shredded/torn newspaper (pre-soak before adding to pile) [175:1]
- Dried grass clippings
- Cardboard (torn up into small pieces and pre-soak before adding to pile) [350:1]
- Dry leaves ([0:1]
- Sawdust (small amounts and untreated) [325:1]
- Straw [75:1]
- Hay
- Ash (small amounts) [25:1]
- Eggshells (crushed)

'Add some poo' - Manures (nitrogen level)

Blood and Bone (medium)	Sheep (low 16:1)	Cow (low 20:1)
Horse (medium 25:1)	Chicken (highest 10:1)	Worm castings or worm leachate

No carnivorous animal manures (e.g. dogs and cats)

Other compost activators – comfrey, borage, yarrow, worm castings small amounts of soil

Source: Tim Marshall **Composting** (2008)

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