Composting Do’s and Don’ts

**Browns**
- Shredded dry leaves
- Egg shells
- Used mulch, such as wood chips and hay
- Pine needles (be careful not to be heavy-handed, as they break down into an acidic soil)
- Finished vegetable crops (be sure not to put in diseased plants)
- Shredded black and white newspaper
- Sawdust
- Nutshells
- Food-soiled napkins or paper towels
- Food-soiled cardboard
- Dried flowers
- Old potting soil
- Corn cobs (take a while to decompose!)

**Greens**
- Fruits, vegetables, and their peels
- Coffee grinds (filters, too)
- Tea bags
- Fallen fruit
- Fresh leaves
- Green plants
- Pruning’s and hedge trimmings
- Grass clippings
- Flower bouquets
- Weeds (make sure to compost both annual and perennial weeds thoroughly because they can regenerate)
  - Seaweed

**Composting Don’ts**
- Animal protein scraps/ dairy products
- Animal or human manure
- Colored newspapers, books, and magazines
- Plastic materials
- Grass clippings that may contain residual weed killers
- Coal and charcoal ashes
- Diseased Plants