

Making a Compost Heap Outside

Name: _____

Tip: Pick a spot around your school building for your bin with space to walk around, secure from animals, and close to a water source. A chicken wire perimeter around the heap can be useful.



1. First add the "brown stuff." Spread a layer of leaves or pine needles about 6 inches thick. Then, wet the layer.



2. Add a few inches of "green stuff," like grass clippings. It can be good to mix the layers a little. Wet the new layer.



3. Sprinkle a shovelful of soil or compost to add microorganisms to the heap. Wet the layer. Repeat these steps until the pile is full.