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Start a compost pile your yard: You can easily create a compost pile in your yard for free. All of your fruit and vegetable waste can go in a designated spot (but not dairy products, meat, bones, or fish). Don't be intimidated - while creating good soil from food takes time, it works well if you just throw it in a pile and mix it up with dry leaves and other materials every once in a while. Generally, animals stay away from composting spots since they are mixed with natural materials, and decomposed materials can be later spread in your garden areas.

If you don't have space or time to make a pile in your yard: Buy a backyard compost bin. Purchasing a composting bin is another option. Compost bins cost \$46 at the Transfer Station, or free if you create or build your own.

What You Can Compost at Home	What to Avoid Composting at Home
Nitrogen-Rich Material ("Greens")	Meat, fish and bones
Food and vegetable scraps	Cheese and dairy products
Most grass clippings and yard trim	Pet waste and cat litter
Coffee grounds and paper filters	Produce stickers
Paper tea bags (no staples)	Fats, oils and greases
Eggshells (crushed)	Glossy paper
	Treated or painted wood
Carbon-Rich Materials ("Browns")	Aggressive weeds/weeds with seeds
Dry leaves	Diseased and pest-infested plants
Plant stalks and twigs	Compostable food service ware and
Shredded paper (non-glossy, not colored) and shredded	Cooked food (small amounts are fine)
Shredded cardboard (no wax coating, tape, or glue)	Herbicide treated plants
Untreated wood chips	Dryer lint

