

# Common & Not-So Common Compostable Materials

Alfalfa  
 Animal fur  
 Apple cores  
 Aquarium plants  
 Artichoke leaves  
 Banana peels  
 Bee droppings  
 Beet wastes  
 Bird cage cleanings  
 Blood meal  
 Bone meal  
 Bread crusts  
 Brown paper bags  
 Burlap coffee bags  
 Burned oatmeal  
 Burned toast  
 Cardboard cereal boxes  
 Cattail reeds  
 Chocolate cookies  
 Citrus wastes  
 Clover  
 Coconut hull fiber  
 Coffee grounds  
 Cooked rice  
 Cover crops  
 Crab shells  
 Date pits  
 Dead bees and flies  
 Egg shells  
 Electric razor trimmings  
 Elmer's glue

Expired flower arrangements  
 Feathers  
 Felt waste  
 Fingernail and toenail clippings  
 Fish bones  
 Fish meal  
 Flower petals  
 Freezer-burned food (non-meat)  
 Fruit salad  
 Garden soil  
 Grape wastes  
 Grapefruit rinds  
 Grass clippings  
 Greeting card envelopes  
 Grocery receipts  
 Guinea pig cage cleanings  
 Hair clippings from the barber  
 Hay  
 Hog manure  
 Hoof and horn meal  
 Horse hair  
 Houseplant trimmings  
 Ivory soap scraps  
 Jell-o (gelatin)  
 Kitchen wastes  
 Kleenex tissues  
 Leaves  
 Limestone  
 Lint from clothes dryer  
 Liquid from canned fruit  
 Liquid from canned vegetables

Lobster shells  
 Manure – from vegetarian animals  
 Melted ice cream  
 Milk (in small amounts)  
 Moss  
 Nut shells  
 Old leather gardening gloves  
 Old or outdated seeds  
 Old pasta  
 Old spices  
 Old, dried up and faded herbs  
 Old canned fruits and vegetables  
 Olive pits  
 Onion skins  
 Outdated yogurt  
 Paper  
 Paper napkins  
 Paper towels  
 Pea vines  
 Peanut butter sandwiches  
 Peanut shells  
 Peat moss (in small amounts)  
 Pencil shavings  
 Pet hair  
 Pickles  
 Pie crust  
 Pine needles  
 Popcorn  
 Post-it notes  
 Potato peelings  
 Produce trimmings

Pumpkin seeds  
 Q-tips (cardboard, only)  
 Quail eggs  
 Rhubarb stems  
 River mud  
 Sawdust (in small amounts)  
 Seaweed and kelp  
 Shredded cardboard  
 Shredded newspapers  
 Shrimp shells  
 Soggy Cheerios  
 Soy milk  
 Spanish moss  
 Stale bread  
 Stale breakfast cereal  
 Stale potato chips  
 Straw  
 Tea bags and grounds  
 Theater tickets  
 Toenail clippings  
 Tofu  
 Tossed salad  
 Vacuum cleaner bag contents  
 Watermelon rinds  
 Wedding bouquets  
 Weeds  
 Wheat bran  
 Winter rye  
 Wood ashes (in small amounts)  
 Wood chips  
 Wooden toothpicks

