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Interested in home composting? There are many materials which work great in home composting piles or bins, and there are many materials which aren't so great. Below is a handy list of the good and bad materials for home composting from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):

Good

- Fruit & Vegetable Scraps
- Eggshells
- Coffee Grounds
- Coffee Filters
- Tea Bags
- Nut Shells
- Shredded Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Paper
- Yard Trimmings
 - untreated with chemical pesticides
- Grass Clippings
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- Houseplants
- Hay or Straw
- Leaves
- Sawdust
- Woodchips
- Cotton or Wool Rags
 - not soaked with oil or grease
- Dryer and Vacuum Cleaner Lint
- Hair and Fur
- Wood Ash

Bad

- Black Walnut Tree Leaves or Twigs
- Coal or Charcoal Ash
- Dairy Products
- Diseased Plants
- Insect Infested Plants
- Fats, Oils, Grease, or Lard
- Meat or Fish Scraps
- Pet Waste
- Yard Trimmings
 - treated with chemical pesticides