

Communal compost bins do's and don'ts

DO put in:

Plant materials such as:

Lawn mowings

Nettles

Annual weeds

Green leaves

Cut flowers

Vegetable trimmings

Vegetable peelings

Bedding plants

Fruit peel including citrus

Egg shells

Coffee grounds

Tea leaves and bags

Straw

Autumn leaves (but consider using them to make leaf mould)

Dirty Paper and Cardboard (if it's clean its better to put it in the domestic recycling)

Sappy bush/hedge trimmings – “sappy” means freshly cut plant material which can easily be bent and broken by hand

For Advice:

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DON'T put in:

Diseased plants (e.g: tomato or potato plants that had blight, cabbages that had clubroot) – put them in a plastic bag and take them home to put in the council garden waste system.

Cooked food – use the council waste food collection

Timber and woody stems – make a pile in a disused corner of your plot – they will rot down over a longer period and provide wildlife habitat

Plastic, glass, metal – take them home – some of this can be recycled through the domestic recycling system

Freshly dug perennial roots – leave them out to dry in the sun for two weeks first which should kill them

Stones, bricks, concrete – if you can't use them yourself (e.g: in a path) find someone who wants to build up the stream bank to reduce flooding risk.

Unwanted soil – as previous

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