

# Compost Pile

## REFERENCE SHEET

*In order to maintain a backyard compost pile remember the following tips:*

- Add a layer of browns (dry leaves or twigs) then a layer of greens (fresh grass clippings, leaves and food scraps), then a layer of browns and continue to alternate the type of material you add to the pile.
- Keep the pile moist, but not soggy because the material will not decompose as rapidly if it is too wet.
- Do not add meat, bones or dairy products because these items will attract animals to the pile.
- Trim tree branches to 1/4" in diameter or smaller because they will decompose faster.
- Mix the material in the pile regularly (the more you mix the pile, the faster it will decompose) to allow aeration.

