

# How to use compost.





# Compost improves soil health

Compost adds organic matter, nutrients, and microbes to soil. It balances pH, helps with structure, porosity, and retaining moisture.



## Compost. Not soil.

Mix compost with soil. Do not plant directly into compost.



#### Use a little. Not a lot.

Compost is like slow-release fertilizer. Use only a little bit.



## What's in your compost?

Compost is made with different materials (e.g., grass, leaves, plants, wood chips, food scraps). Look at the ingredients and nutrients. Follow the instructions.



## **Topdress & mulch**

Spread a thin layer of finished compost on the garden, around plants, or on a lawn. Compost will slowly mix into the soil, adding nutrients for plant roots.



## Mix it up

Mix compost with soil for a planter, container or raised garden. Not too much. A little goes a long way.