

UNDERSTANDING COMPOST

Compost is an amazing material for building soil and improving ecosystem health. Take a look at the resources below for an introduction to compost and the composting process. After reviewing some of the resources, can you explain compost and its role in soil health? What are some of the different methods for building compost? What resources would you need to try these methods at home or in your community?

US Environmental Protection Agency, *Composting at Home*

<https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>

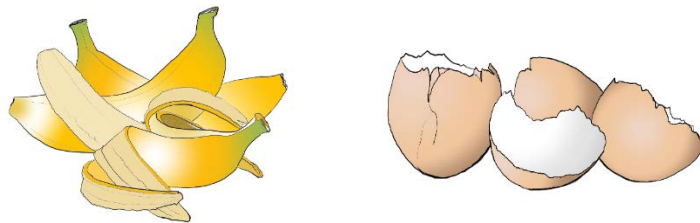
US Environmental Protection Agency,

Types of Compost and Understanding the Process

<https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/types-composting-and-understanding-process>

NYC Compost Project, *What to Compost & Compost Troubleshooting Guide*

https://salttree.art/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/nyccompostproject_tipssheet.pdf



Extender Activity:

Ready to learn more? This manual provides a lot of the information you'll need in becoming a composting master.

<https://salttree.art/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/mastercompostermanual.pdf>

Do you have enough information to start your own compost at home? If you don't have space for composting at home, can you research parks or gardens in your community that offer composting?

