

## Composting Tips!

Backyard composting is an important element of the Municipality's waste diversion program. Backyard composting provides residents with the benefit of utilizing the finished compost to improve their gardens and lawns in a safe and natural manner.

**Need a composter?** They are available for \$38.00, at the Municipal Office located at 56 Lindsay Road 5.

Backyard composting tips:

- Location: choose a level area with good drainage for your bin. A partially shaded spot is best.
- Before placing your bin on the ground, loosen the soil so it's sitting in dirt.
- Once your bin is in place, layer 4" to 6" of dead plants, twigs or small branches at the bottom.
- Organics: Feed your bin equal amounts of greens (materials high in nitrogen) and browns (materials high in carbon).
- Moisture: keep your pile damp. Sprinkle with water when dry.
- Air: add air to your pile every two (2) to three (3) weeks. Poke holes through the pile with a garden fork.
- Acceptable greens: bread, coffee filters and grounds, egg shells, evergreen needles, flowers, fruit peels and scraps, grass, house plants, leaves, nut shells, pasta, rice and other grains, tea bags and leaves, vegetable peels and scraps, weeds (before they go to seed).
- Acceptable browns: dryer lint, hair, hay, manure, mulched leaves, newspaper, paper packaging, sawdust (non-treated wood), shredded paper, straw, vacuum lint, wood chips.