

# Kids Club

## GARDENING FOR KIDS

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**A MINI EDUCATION SERIES**

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# All About Compost



# *From Banana Peel to Soil*

- Does anyone compost at home?
- Does anyone compost at school?
- Does anyone know of someone who composts?
- What is Compost?





# Compost

- Compost is the result of collecting **biodegradable** materials like Banana Peels, Grass Clippings, Apple Cores and Leaves and helping all of these materials **decompose** and eventually, turn into new, clean, **nutrient-rich soil** to use in the garden or flower bed.



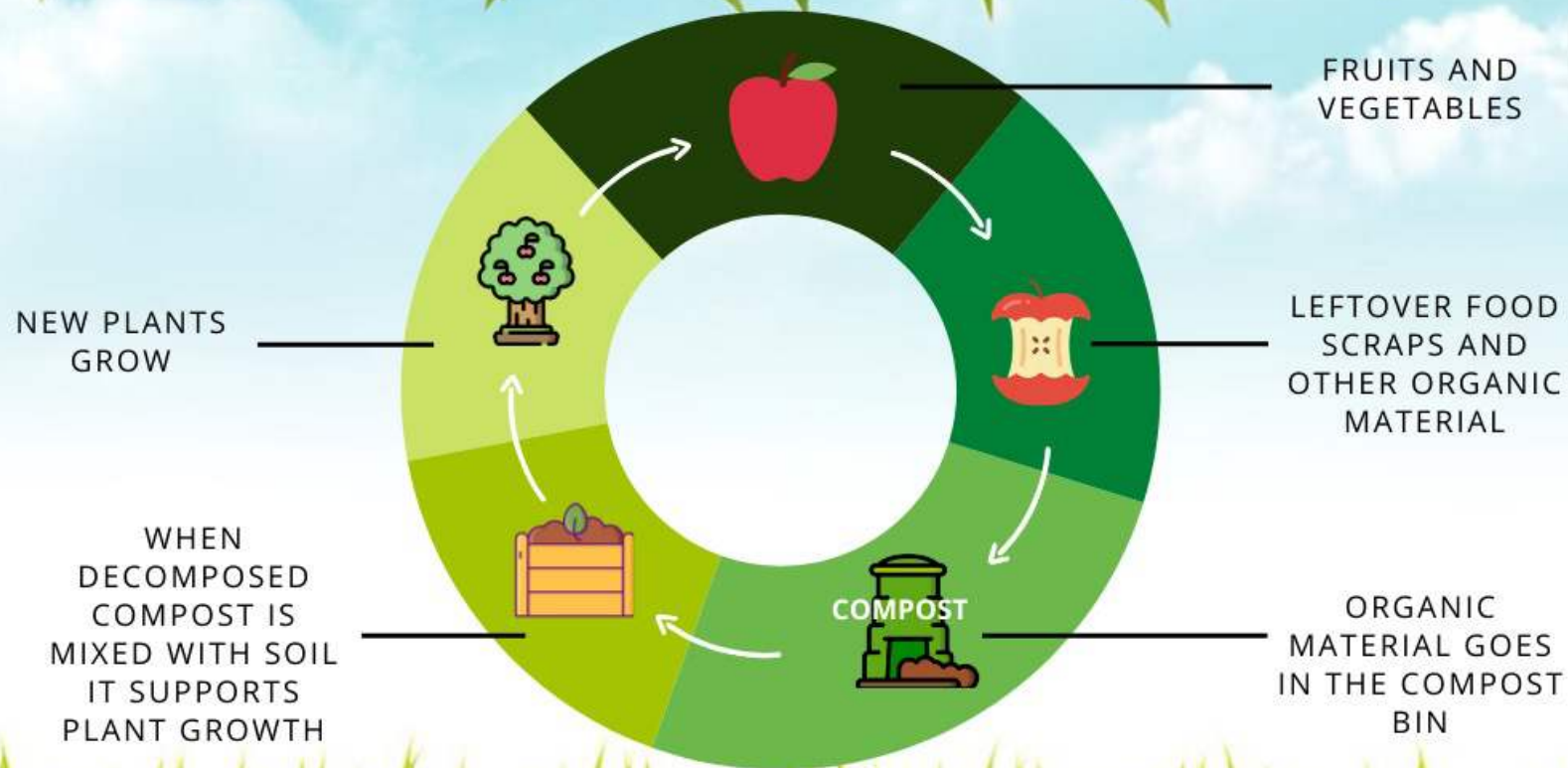
# Compost

- The process of composting organic waste needs fresh air and some mixing to allow for decomposing to continue. Mixing the components of your compost pile with a shovel every so often is a great and easy way to keep your compost on track.

- What does **biodegradable** mean?
- A material that can be easily broken down by bacteria or germs into its' core components or most basic parts.
- What does **decompose** mean?
- Dead plant material being broken down into more basic and simple materials like water, sugar, salt and carbon dioxide (what we breath out).
- What is **nutrient-rich soil**?
- Soil that is full of helpful nutrients that will help all plants grow.



# COMPOST LIFE CYCLE



## Can Be Composted

- Plant-based food waste
- Grass Clippings
  - Dead plants
  - Leaves
- Egg Shells



## Can Not Be Composted

- Plastics
- Glass
- Metals
- Electronics
- Ink-rich materials like magazines







# Common Household Composting



- If you compost at home, food scraps like meats, bones and dairy products should not be composted. Materials like newspapers, shipping boxes and other paper-based waste should also not be composted.
- These materials could draw unwanted attention from local creatures living around your home like rodents. As well, these materials may be much more smelly and take longer to break down back into soil.



# Why Compost?

- Lowers the amount of material that must be thrown out and sent to a landfill
- Begins the ultimate continuous cycle of reusability at you own home!
- Allows flowers in your backyard to bloom more and your fruits and vegetables to grow larger and taste more delicious.

Day 1  
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# QUESTIONS?

# THANK YOU!

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