

A photograph showing two men from behind, walking on a dirt path towards several large, rounded piles of brown compost. The man on the left is wearing a plaid shirt and blue jeans, while the man on the right is wearing a white t-shirt, blue jeans, and a green cap. The background consists of lush green trees under a clear sky. The text 'Composting: Step by Step' is overlaid in the bottom left corner in a brown, cursive font.

*Composting:
Step by Step*



Step 1: Select Compost Location

Depending on the number of mortalities, you can use a large composter built with concrete pads and walls or you can compost right on the ground.



Step 2: Gather Ingredients

Building a compost pile takes carbon, like sawdust or cornhusks. It's also a good idea to use nitrogen, like manure. Nitrogen acts like starter fluid on a campfire. It gets the compost pile working faster and hotter. Your final ingredient is the carcasses.





Step 3: Layer Ingredients

Creating a good compost pile takes layering. Take one layer of carbon, add a layer of nitrogen, and finally a layer of carcasses. Repeat. Carcasses should be covered.





Step 4: Add Water

Keep your compost pile damp. Board composting experts say the number one mistake people make is not keeping the pile wet enough. It's nice to have a spigot nearby for easy watering.





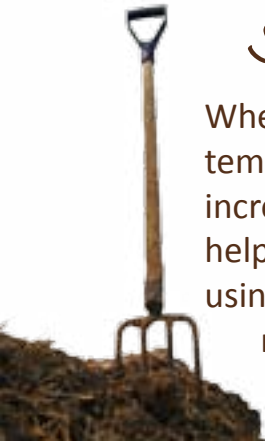
Step 5: Monitor Temperature

Use a big thermometer to take the compost's temperature.

Even if it seems hot, it might not be hot enough. The pile must be at least 130 degrees. Record temperatures.

Step 6: Stir

When you notice a drop in temperature, it's time to stir. Stirring increases the oxygen in the pile and helps it heat back up. You can stir using a tractor or a pitchfork. If you notice the pile is dry, make sure to give it some extra water.



Step 7: All Done

After 3 months, you've got finished compost. It doesn't stink.

It has lots of good nutrients. And it didn't cost a whole heck of a lot either.

Nice work!



Problems? Call us.

We may be regulators, but we're here to help first. We're the good guys.

We'll help you figure out what needs to be done to make your compost pile work. All you need to do is call your Board of Animal Health field guy.





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Every step of the way*