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Organic Landscaping

Keys to Successful Composting

Temperature
For best results, temperatures within the entire compost pile must stay between 130-160ºF for approximately two weeks. Maintaining this temperature range is critical; warm enough to kill off weed seeds and pathogens yet still allowing for cultivation of beneficial organisms.

Aeration
During the two weeks when temperatures of at least 130ºF are required, turn the pile 2-3 times per week to allow air to infiltrate. This step is essential for maintaining proper temperatures and encouraging the development of beneficial soil organisms to breakdown organic material.

Moisture
Too much or too little moisture will negatively impact the quality of the compost. A moisture rate of 35-45% is optimum. To determine this, grab a handful of compost from the center of the pile and squeeze it. The material should be moist to the touch but not drip. Too dry: add water and mix thoroughly. Too wet: turn more frequently and cover to protect from rain.