

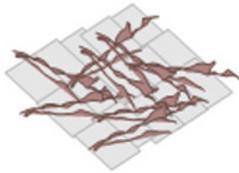
What is Lasagna Compost Gardening?

A no dig, no till garden made by layering

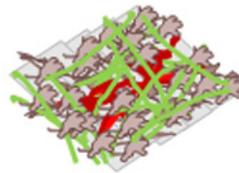
Also known as “sheet composting,” this time and labor saving technique builds a garden bed quickly. The organic materials are layered like a lasagna. These layers rot in place, and create a bed that can be planted immediately!



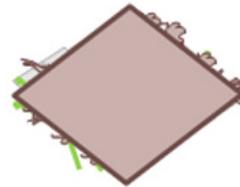
LAYER 1:
10-15 sheets of overlapped newspaper or 1 layer of thick cardboard to kill the grass and weeds.



LAYER 2:
Add a layer of woody material like small to medium sized branches and twigs.



LAYERS 3-8:
Add several alternating layers of greens (fresh material like vegetable scraps, fresh cut grass, manure) and browns (dried materials like dried leaves, straw, paper).



LAST LAYER:
If you want to plant it right away, cover the top of your pile with a layer of 1-3 inches of compost or soil.

The difference between browns and greens:

Greens are rich with nitrogen. Greens are fresh, “wet” organic materials. Fruit and vegetable scraps, fresh cut grass, coffee grounds, and manures are all considered green.

Browns are carbon rich. Browns are dried organic material like straw, woody materials, paper dry fall leaves, and sawdust.

RESOURCES

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Lasagna Gardening for Small Spaces

Lasagna Gardening

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Master Compost/Recyclers (MCR) offer workshops on lasagna gardening. Check the MCR website for the next workshop: clarkgreenneighbors.org/mcr/classes-and-workshops



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