Composting Materials: Green vs. Brown

Do not divide your material by color!
Green means **high in nitrogen** and brown means **high in carbon**.

### Greens
Mostly wet or recently growing/living materials

- Grass Clippings
- Coffee Grounds
- Tea Bags
- Chopped Fruit and Vegetable Scraps
- Fresh Yard Waste
- Egg Shells
- Plant Trimmings
- Weeds*

### Browns
Dry or woody plant material

- Dry Leaves**
- Paper Egg Cartons**
- Newspapers**
- Cardboard**
- Straw
- Sawdust
- Paper Bags
- Dry Yard Waste
- Wood Ash

*Only compost weeds which have not gone to seed
**Shred larger items for faster composting