

Composting at Breezy Knoll



The collection bin is by the South dumpsters, next to the tennis court fence (photo above). There's a "cheat sheet" attached to the bin to remind you what can go in.

A few quick pointers:

- **Smaller pieces decompose faster.**

While you *can* toss in whole corn cobs and big melon rinds, the smaller you chop your scraps, the sooner we will have lovely compost for our gardens.

- **Whenever you add food scraps, please toss in enough dry leaves to cover.** There's a big pile of dry leaves next to the bin for this purpose. The leaf layer keeps down food smells, and is critical to breaking down food bits. (Composting is all about combining carbon-rich "browns" with nitrogen-rich "greens"... I will happily nerd-out about the details to anyone who's interested.)

- **Please replace the bungee cords holding the lids closed.** We hope our compost will be uninteresting to furry visitors... but until we're sure, we want to make the bin harder for them to get into.

- No need to worry about stirring or turning the compost... EnviroComm will handle that.

Let me know if you have questions or concerns. This is an experiment, and we'd love to hear any suggestions for improving it.

Here's to reducing our trash and making our own fantastic free fertilizer!

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