



What belongs in your compost?

Circle the items you can put into your compost.

For an extra challenge - use a green marker to circle the green materials and brown marker to circle the brown materials.



Compost Critters



Pill Bug

I am an isopod, which means I have ten pairs of legs that look very similar to each other. I eat old leaves and veggie scraps. I am about ½ inch long and I roll up in a ball if I am disturbed. Some people think that I look like a little armadillo. I am a grayish, dark color.



Earthworm

I am a long, thin and have a soft-body. My body is made up of little segments. I do not have legs or eyes. I sense light and I breathe through my skin. I eat bacteria, fungi, and other decaying materials. I like dark, moist places.



Ant

I am an insect with six legs. I help to decompose by breaking materials into smaller particles. I create tunnels, and move soil into clumps. Some people would rather not have me around their homes. I am black, brown, or red.



Millipede

I have so many legs. My name means “thousand legs,” but I don’t have that many. I am very shy and I roll up into a ball to avoid danger. I am a vegetarian and eat soft, moist, decaying plants.

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