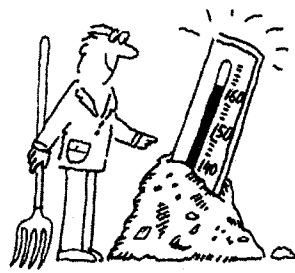


Compost Troubleshooting



Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Rotten Odor Sulfur Smell Egg Odor	Excess Moisture or Compaction	Turn Pile Add Dry Porous Material Such as Sawdust, Wood chips or Straw
Ammonia Odor	Too much Nitrogen Lack of Carbon	Add High Carbon Material Such as Sawdust, Wood chips or Straw
Low Pile Temperature	Pile too Small Insufficient Moisture Poor Aeration Lack of Nitrogen	Make Pile Bigger Insulate Sides & Add H2O Add Nitrogen Sources Such as Fresh Grass Clippings or Manure
High Pile Temperature	Pile too Large Lack of Ventilation	Reduce Pile Size Turn More Often
Pests	Too much Food Food Out in Open	Eliminate Oily/Fatty Foods Bury Food Eliminate Food Cover Pile
Not Breaking Down Composting Slowly	Lack of Nitrogen Pile too small Lack of Microorganisms	Add Inoculates Add Nitrogen Sources Increase Pile Size
Weeds in Garden Developed from Compost	Pile not Hot Enough Lack of Nitrogen	Add Nitrogen Sources Sift Compost Before Use

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