

Here are just a few things  
compost is good for:

... for fertilizing fruit  
trees, flowers, and veggies

... for reducing waste

... for improving soil health

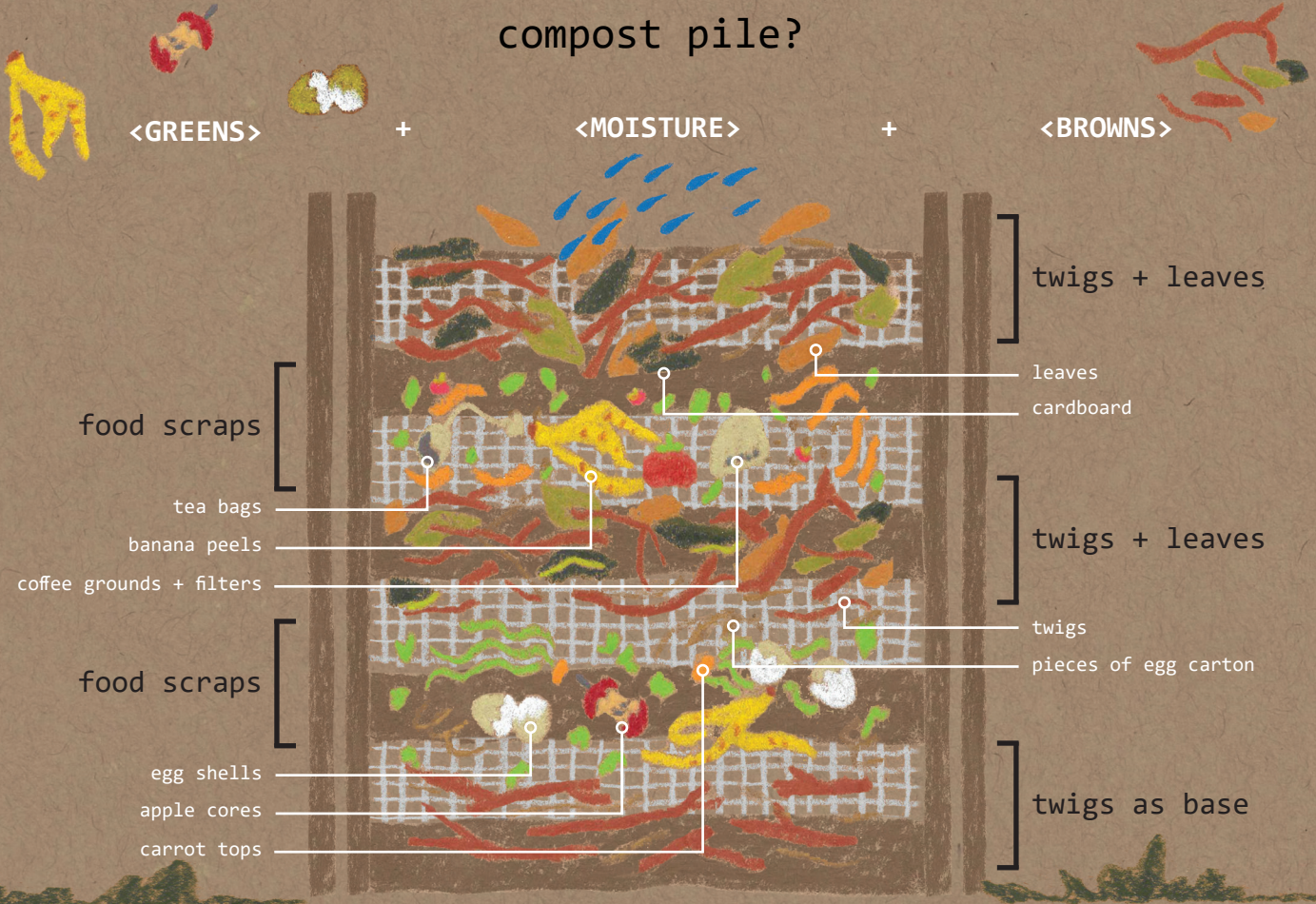
... for sequestering carbon

why  
compost?

make your own  
compost!



# how do I build a compost pile?



**“COMPOST”** is what happens when organic matter decays into nutrient-rich fertilizer. All organic matter decays, anyway, of course. Compost just **speeds up** this naturally-occurring process by creating an ideal environment for all of nature’s handy **decomposers** like aerobic bacteria, different types of fungi, nematodes, pill bugs, beetles, and worms.

No matter where you live, or what size or type of compost you plan to build, you’ll need the same basic elements to get your compost going: **GREENS** (a little) and **BROWNS** (a lot), plus **AIR**, and **WATER**.

**GREENS** are things like food scraps, coffee grounds, green grass clippings, and animal manure. **BROWNS** are things like woody matter and yard waste, like dead leaves, woodchips, or even soil. **AIR** comes from turning the pile. **WATER** comes from rain, a hose, or your kitchen sink.

Mix all these things together and you have compost! It’s that simple.

