**Leech Lake Composting**

**Composting Can**

A. Suppress plant disease and pests
B. Reduce or eliminate the need for chemical fertilizers.
C. Promote higher yields of flowers and garden vegetables.
D. Facilitate reforestation, wetlands restoration, and habitat revitalization efforts by amending contaminated, compacted, and marginal soils.
E. Cost-effectively remediate soils contaminated by hazardous waste.
F. Remove solids, oil, grease, and heavy metals from storm water runoff.
G. Capture and destroy 99.6% of industrial volatile organic chemicals (VOC’s) in contaminated air.
H. Provide cost savings of at least 50% over conventional soil, water, and air pollution remediation technologies, where applicable.

**Composting**

Meat bones and dairy products are not recommended. Not only because they create odor, can become rancid, and attract animals, pests and insects but because fatty food wastes are very slow to break down and the fat can actually exclude/eliminate the air/oxygen that composting microbes need to do their work.

Fat, grease, lard, and oil - are not recommended. Due to the same factors as meat, bones, and dairy.

**Things That Can Be Composted**

- Coffee Grounds & Filters
- Tea Bags
- Corrugated Boxes
- Stale Bread
- Stale Beer and Wine
- Paper Egg Cartons
- Hair from your hairbrush
- 100% Cotton Balls
- Cotton Swabs from 100% Cotton
- and Cardboard (not plastic) Sticks
- Dryer Lint
- Wool Clothing & Cotton Clothing
- Newspaper (Shredded or torn)
- Dead houseplants & their soil
- Used matches
- Ashes from the Fireplace, BBQ Grill, or outdoor Fire Pit
- Latex Balloons
- Pumpkins
- Hay Bales
- Christmas Tree
- Pet Fur
- Old Pet Food