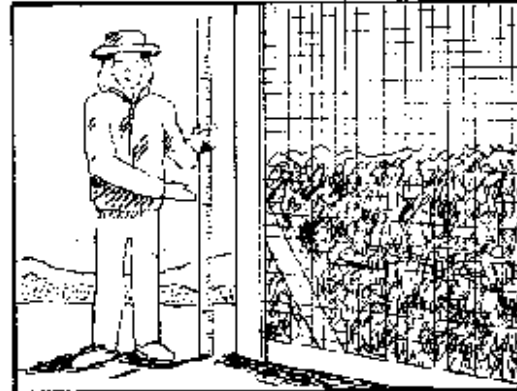


**STEPS TO BACKYARD COMPOSTING**



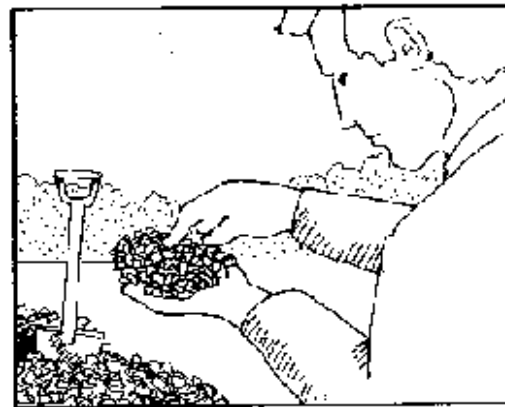
1. Spread a layer of leaves, grass, weeds or straw inside an enclosed area. Add food wastes, garden refuse, and/or animal wastes. Avoid meat scraps, fats and oils.



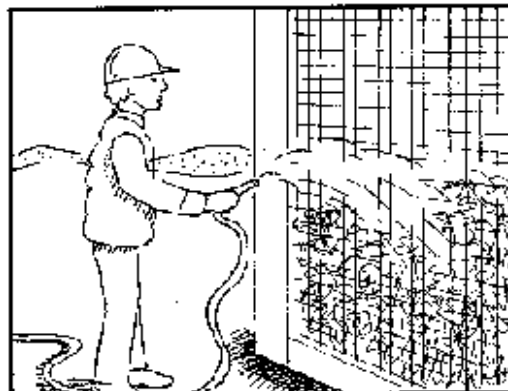
2. Layer the materials to a depth of 5 to 10 feet.



3. Sprinkle with an inch or two of soil and moisten with water.



4. Turn the pile occasionally to circulate air and distribute moisture.



5. When pile no longer heats up, it is ready to use. Compost should be dark and crumbly.