

## **My Compost Formula**

**When mixing up a bin of compost all the ingredients are run through an old chipper/shredder. That way everything is basically pulverized and breaks down quickly and evenly. The one exception is very fresh manure, but I normally let it dry out first so that it can be turned to powder. Also if you use pre-filled coffee filter packs, Let them dry a day or two before running them through the equipment. Two things are very important, Safety and Safety. Wear impact resistant safety glasses, durable work gloves and a paper mask to filter out the dust.**

**I mix large amounts having 30 acres and plenty of readily available ingredients. You can adjust the following if needed but keep the ratios the same. Who knows I might even add a small batch recipe someday.**

**The following makes a balanced tea:**

- 25 gallons horse manure**
- 5 gallons cow manure or bean hulls**
- 30 gallons old hay, grass clippings, leaves**
- 10 gallons coffee grounds**
- 20 gallons wood chips or shavings**
- 10 gallons shredded paper**

**The following makes a tea high in nitrogen**

- 25 gallons horse manure**
- 5 gallons chicken manure**
- 30 gallons old hay, grass clippings, leaves**
- 10 gallons coffee grounds**
- 20 gallons wood chips or shavings**
- 10 gallons shredded paper**

**I mix as I measure using buckets running everything through the equipment in the following order.**

**5 gallons old hay, grass clippings, leaves  
5 gallons horse manure  
5 gallons wood chips or shavings  
2 gallons coffee grounds  
5 gallons shredded paper  
2 gallons chicken manure  
5 gallons old hay, grass clippings, leaves  
5 gallons horse manure  
5 gallons wood chips or shavings  
2 gallons coffee grounds  
5 gallons old hay, grass clippings, leaves  
5 gallons horse manure  
5 gallons wood chips or shavings  
5 gallons old hay, grass clippings, leaves  
5 gallons horse manure  
2 gallons coffee grounds  
5 gallons wood chips or shavings  
1 gallon chicken manure  
5 gallons old hay, grass clippings, leaves  
5 gallons horse manure  
2 gallons coffee grounds  
5 gallons old hay, grass clippings, leaves  
5 gallons shredded paper  
2 gallons chicken manure  
2 gallons coffee grounds  
5 gallons old hay, grass clippings, leaves**

**Repeat as needed. My bins will hold two or three of the above batches and are still easy enough to turn by hand into the empty bin next to it.**

**I spread it evenly as it runs through the machine so that the ingredients distribute equally while processing them.**