

Composting Solutions

Visit Peterborough Green-Up's local compost demonstration site in the Ecology Park anytime through the growing season – it's in the southeast corner of Beavermead Park, beside Peterborough Utilities on Ashburnham Drive in Peterborough. Call Green-Up for upcoming workshops and special events.

Problem	Cause	Solutions
Ammonia Smell	Too much nitrogen	Mix "browns" such as dry leaves into pile. Turn pile and top with soil.
Rotten Egg Smell	Not enough air	Turn or aerate pile regularly. Add dry materials in layers to help air circulate.
Pile is Damp; Middle is Only Slightly Warm	Pile is too small	Collect more compostable material; mix into existing pile.
Nothing is Happening	Lack of nitrogen	Add nitrogen-rich "greens" such as grass clippings and vegetable scraps to the pile.
	Pile may be too dry	Add moisture and turn.
Insect or Animal Pests	Odour is attracting pests	Cover pile with leaves, straw or soil when adding material.
	Wrong materials added	Don't compost meat, fish, bones, dairy products or oils



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