



The Center for Creative Ecology

Module 1 Learning from Nature Lesson 2

Making soil like nature – nature’s magic trick

Taking what we call organic “waste”, (which should be called organic “resources”) and turning them into ready compost (brown gold) is easy with the help of nature’s magic trick. I have been composting for many years and still the excitement I get in that first day or two of feeling the warmth starting to build up from the biological activity is just life affirming and strengthens my partnership, respect and wonder for nature.

Here is a pretty good overview of composting, I don’t agree with everything in this webpage and this is normal in organic agriculture. In sustainable agriculture we don’t all agree on the same practices which for a beginner can be very confusing. I will explain one thing and a website will say something else.

However, always stay open and “observe without judgement”. In the first lesson you learned how to prepare yourself for a great journey ahead by considering observation. So it is vital to observe YOUR place, YOUR garden and see what will apply to you over the seasons.

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/compost/process.cfm>

Remember we also discussed about the FBI? I love the FBI!

I don't remember learning about the FBI in school, but today on the internet there are a lot of free helpful activities for kids and teachers. In the end we are all kids, and we are all teachers:

<http://www.gatewaygreening.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/FBI-Investigation-91217.pdf>