

## COMPOST

- Compost is good for the garden and will save you money in reduced waste disposal charges by about a third
- Material is added in layers. This will decompose and compact as you keep adding material. Eventually the bin will become full. The compost bin should then be left for about 3 – 4 months for worms and other organisms to finish converting all the material into compost, after which it will look and feel like dark crumbly soil. Making compost using County Council bins takes between 6 months - 1 year depending on how much, and the rate at which fresh material is added, and the temperature throughout the year
- Important to layer materials that you add. Do not add too much of one material at a time. Air is important for decomposition so crumpled up paper which provides air gaps is good
- Place bins in a warm sunny position
- There are few strict rules: the following is a guideline and you will find quite a lot of conflicting advice

### Wet / Green Materials

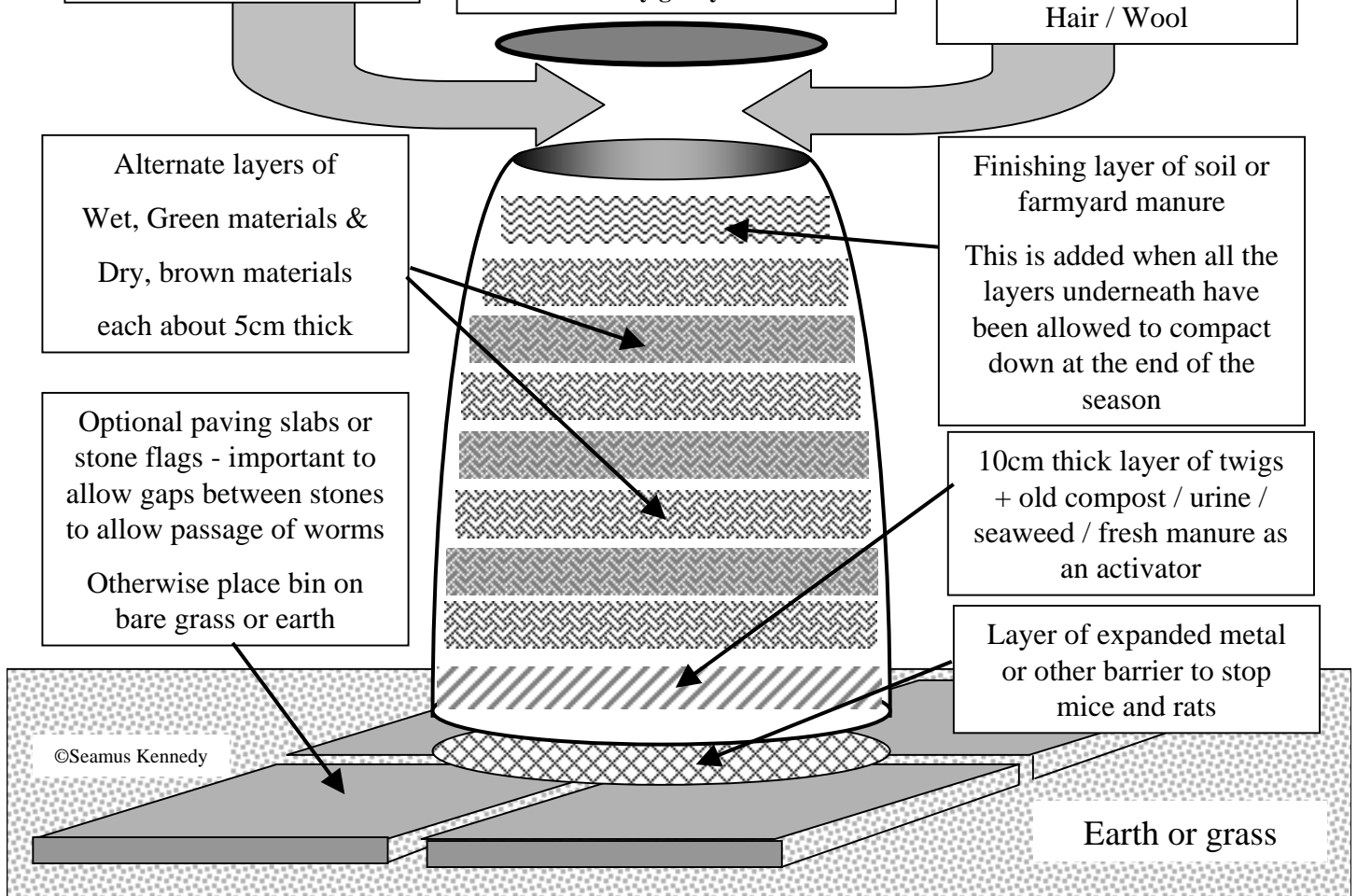
Raw Vegetable & Fruit Peelings  
Crushed Egg shells  
Tea Bags  
Coffee grounds  
Cooked vegetables  
Grass clippings

### NOT TO PUT IN

No bad weeds such as couch or buttercups  
No Meat or Fish  
No whole potatoes (or they will sprout and grow)  
No plastic / metals  
No large sticks, pieces of wood  
No paper /cardboard with excess of ink or any glossy finishes

### Dry / Brown Materials

Crumpled paper to allow air gaps  
Torn up cardboard  
Leaves & Plant stems  
Dead flowers and leaves from the garden  
Contents of Hoover  
Hair / Wool



MEAS is a voluntary community group, established in February 2002 to encourage community involvement in resolving critical waste issues in County Donegal. We meet on the Second Monday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in Óstán Loch Altan, Gort a' Choire and anyone interested is welcome to join in. All our work is voluntary. Contact Meas on [www.meas-it.com](http://www.meas-it.com) or 087 6111524 / 086 8460764.