

# Magic Compost



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Grace lives in a big neighborhood.

Many people live there.

They throw away lots of food.

Grace sees banana peels and apple cores in the trash, and she feels sad.



One day, Grace goes to the backyard.

She sees an old wooden box.

It is her grandmother's box.

The box looks special.

Grace opens it and looks inside.



Grace has an idea!

She puts food scraps in the box.

She adds banana peels.

She adds apple cores.

She puts in old vegetables, too.

Then she waits.



Grace learns something new.

She puts dry leaves on the food scraps, and adds a little water.

Every day, she checks the box and mixes everything together.



After many days, something amazing happens!

The food scraps turn into dark soil.

The soil looks rich and good, so Grace is very happy.

This is magic compost!



Grace uses the new soil in the garden.

She plants tomato seeds, carrot seeds, and herbs, too.

She waters them every day.



The plants grow big and strong!

Grace has red tomatoes, orange carrots, and herbs that smell good.

Her garden is beautiful.

Grace is proud.



The neighbors see Grace's garden.

They ask, "How do you grow such nice plants?"

Grace shows them the magic compost box.

She teaches them how to make compost.



Now, many neighbors make compost, too.

They use food scraps.

They make good soil.

They grow gardens.

The neighborhood has less trash.



Grace is happy.

She helped her neighborhood.

Food scraps become good soil.

Gardens grow everywhere.

One small box made a big difference!