

# COMPOST CITY

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## 5. EARTH, SUN, WATER AND AIR

Earth, sun, water and air  
What more could you possibly care about.  
From a tiny little seed  
To a great big bloom  
A pretty big flower  
Gets a pretty little tune.

(Girl speaks) We just learned that the sunflower needs Earth, sun, water and air, so I think we ought to all sing it together!

Earth, sun, water, and air

(Girl speaks) Now what happens if I want to plant my sunflower out in a meadow, would she need those same four things? Let's sing it!

Earth, sun, water and air

(Girl speaks) And then, what would happen if I wanted to plant a sunflower seed in and pot in my kitchen? Let's sing what she'd need!

Earth, sun, water and air  
Whether she's here or whether she's there, we know  
If she gets all four things she needs,  
We're gonna get a whole lot of sunflower seeds!

## 6. BREAK IT DOWN!

Welcome to the pile and the compost crew,  
We're microorganisms, and this is what we do,  
Break it down! Break it down!

(Edworm speaks) "OK get all the bacteria over here.....come on we're gonna sing" here we go.

When you have a pile of grass and debris in your yard  
Who you gonna call.... BACTERIA!  
We're decomposers and we work real hard  
Who you gonna call....BACTERIA!  
Break it down!  
Break it down!  
Chew it up spit it out  
Turn it 'till it's hot  
Gooooooo bacteria... LET IT ROT!

Next in line on the compost crew  
The fungus among us, the protozoan too.

We're fast...we're hungry.. we're chompin' at the bit  
We're bustin' carbohydrates into tiny little bits.  
Break it down! Break it down!  
Chew it up, spit it out,  
Turn it til it's hot.  
Gooooooooooo, fungus!... LET IT ROT!

(Edworm speaks) Ooooh, here come the crawly ones!

Wiggle, twist, backbend,  
Working in the mulch bin,  
We are the compost worms  
Short, fat, shiny ones,  
Big, thick, slimy ones.  
Look how we wiggle and squirm,  
Chewin' through the compost,  
Doin' what we like most,  
Wiggle, wiggle, twist and turn.  
If you want to make a shovel of dirt your plants will love,  
Leave it to the compost worms.

(Edworm speaks) Okay! Very nice! Very nice crawly guys, Now get the beetles, centipedes! C'mon guys, over here! Here we go last verse!

Well the macroorganisms are the last ones to lunch,  
The worms, the beetles and the centipede bunch.  
They're creepy, they're crawly and happy to be  
In this rotten situation with me.  
Break it down! Break it down! Come on!

Chew it up spit it out  
Turn it 'till it's hot  
Gooooooo compost... LET IT ROT!



## 7. WE'RE THE NO-NOS!

Chorus:  
We're the No-nos  
You never want to throw us in.  
We're the No-nos  
Don't put us in the compost bin!

Hey, look at me, I'm Limburger cheese  
And I'm calling all the rats and flies to come over please  
Ask anyone who knows  
When I start to decompose  
I'll attract a pack of pests that may just not want to leave!

Chorus

Hey, look at me, I'm a dandelion weed,  
As you can see, I'm just covered with seeds.  
Ask anyone who knows,  
If I don't decompose,  
Then I might shake my head and sprout a whole weed family.

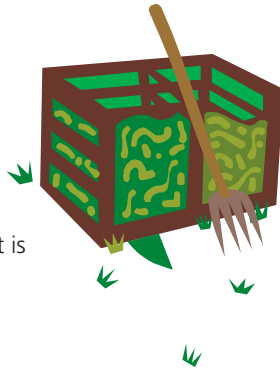
Chorus

Hey, look at me, I'm a hot dog on a bun.  
At a picnic in the park, I'm a whole lot of fun,  
Ask anyone who knows,  
I'm slow decompose,  
I'll rot and smell so bad you'll that have to hold your nose.

We're the No-nos; we're the no nos!

## 8. COMPOST RECIPE

Green, brown, water and air  
That's the recipe that we wanted to share with you.  
Your trees will sing and your plants will smile  
If you spread a little news about the compost pile.



(Girl speaks) We just learned that the recipe for compost is green, brown, water and air, sing it with me this time!

Green, brown, water and air

(Girl speaks) And it's the bugs and bacteria that eat everything and really break it down, but they need:

Green, brown water and air

(Girl speaks) And then when it's finished, you can take that compost and put it your garden to help sunflowers!

Green Brown Water and air,  
That's the recipe that we wanted to share with you.  
If you mix it all up with a shovel and a smile,  
You can have a backyard compost pile.

