

# Kitchen Scrap Preparation Feedstock Balance Worksheet - Improve Material Balance

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**Purpose:** This original printable feedstock balance worksheet helps home composters, gardeners, schools and community projects work with kitchen scrap preparation while pursuing one defined outcome: respond to visible wetness, dryness or structure rather than a rigid formula. Its method is to identify material role, prepare it, add a modest amount and observe the response. Use the pages as a working record, not as a substitute for local accepted-material rules, current safety guidance and qualified horticultural or environmental advice where those are needed.

## Resource Map

The subject focus is to collect household organics cleanly while excluding unsuitable or locally restricted items. The six working areas below define the scope for this specific resource. Complete only the rows that matter to the present observation cycle, and date any observation that may change.

| # | Working area         | Current evidence                | Next check |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Collection Container | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 2 | Chopping Size        | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 3 | Drainage             | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 4 | Cover Material       | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 5 | Addition Timing      | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 6 | Exclusion List       | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |

## Understanding and Improvement Starting Brief

- Locate: Which evidence separates addition timing from exclusion list in this case? Locate the part that most affects understanding or performance.
- Describe: How does collection container change the interpretation of chopping size? Describe the present behaviour without vague labels.
- Explain: What boundary on drainage must be checked before relying on cover material? Explain the likeliest mechanism in bounded terms.
- Isolate: Which observation links exclusion list to drainage, and what remains uncertain? Isolate one condition that can be changed fairly.
- Adjust: What alternative explanation could account for both chopping size and addition timing? Adjust only that condition.
- Edition success means: explain the correction and its observed effect

## Feedstock Balance Worksheet

This format is designed to document each addition and correct visible imbalance with evidence. For kitchen scrap preparation, apply the method in a deliberate sequence: identify material role, prepare it, add a modest amount and observe the response. The edition target is improve material balance, so each entry should show what was noticed, what was tried and what changed.

| Working step                 | What to record                                                                                  | Evidence or source         | Status         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Locate Addition Timing       | Which evidence separates addition timing from exclusion list in this case?                      | Priority area / date       | Open / checked |
| Describe Exclusion List      | How does collection container change the interpretation of chopping size?                       | Current pattern / date     | Open / checked |
| Explain Collection Container | What boundary on drainage must be checked before relying on cover material?                     | Working explanation / date | Open / checked |
| Isolate Chopping Size        | Which observation links exclusion list to drainage, and what remains uncertain?                 | Test variable / date       | Open / checked |
| Adjust Drainage              | What alternative explanation could account for both chopping size and addition timing?          | Controlled change / date   | Open / checked |
| Recheck Cover Material       | What next check on cover material would make the record about collection container more useful? | Improvement check / date   | Open / checked |

### Completion Standard

- Keep the work tied to kitchen scrap preparation, not to a vague general intention.
- Apply this adjustment: classify recent additions and change one material group at a time
- What changed in the evidence after one controlled improvement?
- Expose this outcome risk if it appears: the adjustment changes the test.
- Use original notes and explanations; quote only when necessary, lawful and properly attributed.
- Ask a experienced composter, horticulture professional or local authority contact to challenge one material assumption where appropriate.
- Close with one decision and one follow-up rather than an unranked list of ideas.

### Working Note

Edition COMP-04-02-02 pairs feedstock balance worksheet with the outcome 'Improve Material Balance'. That pairing is the boundary for this workbook: material that does not help that outcome belongs in a separate record.

## Evidence x Understanding and Improvement Focused Practice Lab

This lab pairs a evidence method with a understanding and improvement outcome lens. Work through the six actions to turn the subject focus - collect household organics cleanly while excluding unsuitable or locally restricted items - into evidence for improve material balance. Preserve any gap that prevents a supported conclusion.

| # | Action                                  | Constraint                                                                                                                                          | Record                        |
|---|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Collect / Locate drainage               | Which evidence separates addition timing from exclusion list in this case? Locate the part that most affects understanding or performance.          | Evidence list / Priority area |
| 2 | Classify / Describe cover material      | How does collection container change the interpretation of chopping size? Describe the present behaviour without vague labels.                      | Source / Current pattern      |
| 3 | Trace / Explain addition timing         | What boundary on drainage must be checked before relying on cover material? Explain the likeliest mechanism in bounded terms.                       | Trace / Working explanation   |
| 4 | Verify / Isolate exclusion list         | Which observation links exclusion list to drainage, and what remains uncertain? Isolate one condition that can be changed fairly.                   | Verification / Test variable  |
| 5 | Reconcile / Adjust collection container | What alternative explanation could account for both chopping size and addition timing? Adjust only that condition.                                  | Exception / Controlled change |
| 6 | Approve / Recheck chopping size         | What next check on cover material would make the record about collection container more useful? Recheck the original evidence after the adjustment. | Sign-off / Improvement check  |

### Common Failure Modes

- For drainage, watch for the source has no date together with the priority area is misidentified.
- For cover material, watch for the evidence is second-hand together with the description hides important detail.
- For addition timing, watch for two records disagree together with the explanation outruns the evidence.
- For exclusion list, watch for a value lacks units together with several causes are combined.
- For collection container, watch for the context has changed together with the adjustment changes the test.

### Independent Review Question

Format question: Which source is strongest for this decision, and what limitation remains? Outcome question: What changed in the evidence after one controlled improvement? Ask a experienced composter, horticulture professional or local authority contact where appropriate, then answer before the next observation cycle: \_\_\_\_\_

## Compost Observation Plan for Improve Material Balance

Use one defined observation cycle to test the outcome rather than attempting every possible task. This edition pairs evidence with understanding and improvement to pursue this objective: respond to visible wetness, dryness or structure rather than a rigid formula. Preserve the starting condition and both evidence trails.

| Plan field               | Entry                                                             |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Purpose                  | Improve Material Balance                                          |
| Starting condition       | _____                                                             |
| Chosen working area      | _____                                                             |
| Test variable            | classify recent additions and change one material group at a time |
| Evidence to capture      | _____                                                             |
| Stop or review condition | _____                                                             |

### Observation and Follow-up Cycle

| Stage        | Action                                                                                                                           | Evidence                      |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Start        | Which evidence separates addition timing from exclusion list in this case? Identify the evidence required.                       | Evidence list / Priority area |
| First action | How does collection container change the interpretation of chopping size? Collect one traceable record.                          | Source / Current pattern      |
| Next check   | What boundary on drainage must be checked before relying on cover material? Label its date, owner and context.                   | Trace / Working explanation   |
| Follow-up    | Which observation links exclusion list to drainage, and what remains uncertain? Cross-check the material independently.          | Verification / Test variable  |
| Trend review | What alternative explanation could account for both chopping size and addition timing? Resolve or expose one gap.                | Exception / Controlled change |
| Close-out    | What next check on cover material would make the record about collection container more useful? Record the supported conclusion. | Sign-off / Improvement check  |

### Evidence Record Log

| Evidence Record | Condition      | Observation | Decision              |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1               | Same / changed | _____       | Keep / change / check |
| 2               | Same / changed | _____       | Keep / change / check |
| 3               | Same / changed | _____       | Keep / change / check |
| 4               | Same / changed | _____       | Keep / change / check |
| 5               | Same / changed | _____       | Keep / change / check |

## Source and Evidence Reconciliation - Understanding and Improvement Lens

This comparison tests kitchen scrap preparation against improve material balance through two independent questions. Format: Which source is strongest for this decision, and what limitation remains? Outcome: What changed in the evidence after one controlled improvement? Record material setting differences instead of averaging them away.

| Evidence area        | Baseline | Alternative | Interpretation prompt                                                                           |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Drainage             | _____    | _____       | Which evidence separates addition timing from exclusion list in this case?                      |
| Cover Material       | _____    | _____       | How does collection container change the interpretation of chopping size?                       |
| Addition Timing      | _____    | _____       | What boundary on drainage must be checked before relying on cover material?                     |
| Exclusion List       | _____    | _____       | Which observation links exclusion list to drainage, and what remains uncertain?                 |
| Collection Container | _____    | _____       | What alternative explanation could account for both chopping size and addition timing?          |
| Chopping Size        | _____    | _____       | What next check on cover material would make the record about collection container more useful? |

### Format Decision Test

| Field                          | Record                                                                    |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Review question                | Which source is strongest for this decision, and what limitation remains? |
| Outcome question               | What changed in the evidence after one controlled improvement?            |
| Acceptance lens                | explain the correction and its observed effect                            |
| Conditions held steady         | _____                                                                     |
| Evidence supporting the choice | _____                                                                     |
| Evidence against the choice    | _____                                                                     |

### Evidence Confidence Check

- Priority area: what was actually seen, heard, measured or read?
- Format evidence: which record best demonstrates records traced?
- Outcome evidence: which record best demonstrates controlled changes completed?
- Challenge: could the explanation outruns the evidence explain the result?
- Subject boundary: what does this comparison leave unresolved about addition timing?

## Evidence x Understanding and Improvement Scenario Cards

Use these paired scenarios to rehearse judgement for improve material balance. Each card joins a evidence failure mode to an outcome-specific risk. State what remains open and which evidence named in the final column should be collected next.

| # | Situation                                      | Review question                                                                                 | Decision            |
|---|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Addition Timing: two records disagree.         | Which evidence separates addition timing from exclusion list in this case?                      | Priority area       |
| 2 | Exclusion List: a value lacks units.           | How does collection container change the interpretation of chopping size?                       | Current pattern     |
| 3 | Collection Container: the context has changed. | What boundary on drainage must be checked before relying on cover material?                     | Working explanation |
| 4 | Chopping Size: approval is missing.            | Which observation links exclusion list to drainage, and what remains uncertain?                 | Test variable       |
| 5 | Drainage: the source has no date.              | What alternative explanation could account for both chopping size and addition timing?          | Controlled change   |
| 6 | Cover Material: the evidence is second-hand.   | What next check on cover material would make the record about collection container more useful? | Improvement check   |

### Decision Record

| Field                  | Notes                                                          |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chosen format scenario | _____                                                          |
| Outcome lens           | What changed in the evidence after one controlled improvement? |
| Evidence available     | _____                                                          |
| Evidence missing       | _____                                                          |
| Controlled next step   | _____                                                          |
| Person / review date   | _____                                                          |

## Eight Evidence and Understanding and Improvement Evidence Tracker

Track improve material balance across eight observation checks using the evidence method and the understanding and improvement outcome lens. Keep conditions visible and use this review question: What changed in the evidence after one controlled improvement?

| # | Focus                | Condition | Result | Next action |
|---|----------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|
| 1 | Cover Material       | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 2 | Addition Timing      | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 3 | Exclusion List       | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 4 | Collection Container | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 5 | Chopping Size        | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 6 | Drainage             | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 7 | Cover Material       | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 8 | Addition Timing      | _____     | _____  | _____       |

### Evidence Evidence Dashboard

| Measure                                                             | Baseline | Current | Evidence location |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| Collection Container: Sources Identified / Priority Areas Located   | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Chopping Size: Dates Captured / Patterns Described                  | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Drainage: Records Traced / Explanations Bounded                     | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Cover Material: Cross-Checks Completed / Variables Isolated         | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Addition Timing: Exceptions Resolved / Controlled Changes Completed | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Exclusion List: Conclusions Supported / Rechecks Compared           | _____    | _____   | _____             |

### Interpret the Trend

- I separated description from explanation before making a change.
- I compared the adjustment with the same evidence used at the start.
- Keep the method only when the evidence for improve material balance improves without hiding the explanation outruns the evidence.
- What boundary on drainage must be checked before relying on cover material?
- Use a experienced composter, horticulture professional or local authority contact when the evidence crosses a safety, rights, health or authority boundary.

## Evidence x Understanding and Improvement Next Step Plan

Finish by turning the paired format and outcome record into one owned action. For this feedstock balance worksheet, the intended result was improve material balance; the outcome test is: What changed in the evidence after one controlled improvement? The close-out standard remains: explain the correction and its observed effect.

| Close-out field      | Record                             |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Most useful evidence | _____                              |
| Important limitation | _____                              |
| Decision             | Keep / adapt / pause / seek review |
| Next action          | _____                              |
| Owner and date       | _____                              |
| Evidence location    | _____                              |

### Completion Review

- Subject check: Which evidence separates addition timing from exclusion list in this case?
- Subject check: How does collection container change the interpretation of chopping size?
- Format check: I linked each conclusion to a dated, traceable source.
- Outcome check: I separated description from explanation before making a change.
- I recorded weather, recent inputs and the time between observation and follow-up.
- I made no sanitation, pathogen-destruction or crop-safety claim from temperature alone.

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