



Decompose:

to break down into smaller, simpler pieces/molecules.



Compost:

intentional decomposing of organic matter into simpler molecules that can be used as plant nutrients. Can be the act (I'm composting this), the place (I'm taking this out to the compost) or the name for the material resulting from composting (I'm going to shovel compost into the garden).



Biodegradable:

Capable of being decomposed by
bacteria or other living organ-
isms

Compost:

Organic material that has been broken down into a soil-like substance by the action of microorganisms. It is a natural process that can be accelerated by the addition of certain materials and conditions. Compost is a rich source of nutrients for plants and can be used as a soil amendment or mulch.