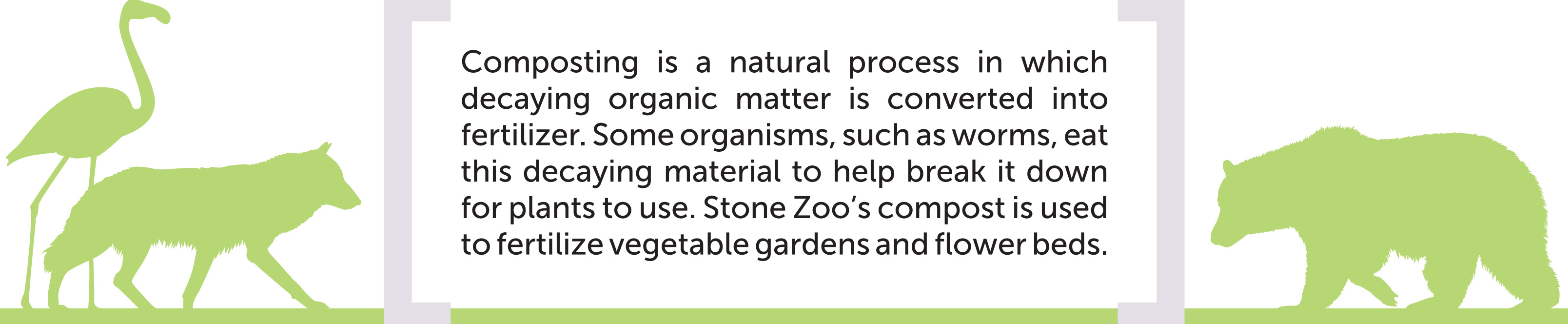


COMPOSTING AT STONE ZOO



Composting is a natural process in which decaying organic matter is converted into fertilizer. Some organisms, such as worms, eat this decaying material to help break it down for plants to use. Stone Zoo's compost is used to fertilize vegetable gardens and flower beds.

WHAT GOES IN?

Food scraps from animal diets

Used wood shavings, hay, and straw from animal enclosures

Manure from zoo herbivores, including reindeer, yak, goats, agouti, and porcupine!

All you need for a compost pile is organic material, air, water, and time!

Organic matter includes:



Fruits and vegetables



Leaves



Grass clippings



Twigs



Grains



Cardboard



Coffee grounds



Paper

What NOT to add:

Dairy, meat, oils, carnivore manure, or painted wood

WHY COMPOST?

Reduces waste sent to landfills. About one-third of landfill waste is made up of materials that could be composted!

Creates a natural, nutrient-rich alternative to chemical fertilizers. Compost fertilizer adds nutrients to plants and helps retain moisture in the soil.



TIPS FOR COMPOSTING AT HOME:

- Layer sticks and/or stones at the bottom of the pile to allow for airflow.
- Try to maintain a square shape no smaller than 3 feet on each side as you build the pile.
- Cover the top with damp paper and soil to keep everything moist.
- Use a shovel to occasionally turn the contents of the pile from the bottom to the top.

Do great things for the planet and try composting today!