

## Mercy by the Sea Garden Team's Sheet Composting or Lasagna Garden

Before



After



Last fall, the Mercy Center Garden Team, experimented with the concept of a “lasagna garden.” First the area was mowed. Then a layer of wet cardboard was placed down. An interlocking framework of twigs was added to provide drainage. This was covered with fallen leaves. On top of that the team added a layer of nitrogen rich scraps and grass clippings. Throughout the fall, the team continued to alternate layers of carbon and nitrogen. The final step was to cover the area so it would decompose over the winter. In the spring a cutting garden was planted. For specific information regarding the exact level of each layer check out the Brooklyn Botanical Garden’s website.

<https://www.bbg.org/gardening/article/make-a-lasagna-garden-in-a-raised-bed>