

BOKASHI

Quick start guide



Bokashi is a Japanese word that means “fermented organic matter”. It is a simple way to dispose of your food waste! By using a special Bokashi bran mix containing micro-organisms you ferment your food waste, ready to be dug into the ground.

- 1 Collect your food waste** - It's handy to collect scraps in a kitchen caddy, but an old ice cream container works just as well.
- 2 Sprinkle a small amount of Bokashi bran into the bottom of the top bucket.** (Compost Zing is available from the Environment Centre)
- 3 Add your food scraps and 1-2 tsp of Bokashi bran on top.**
- 4 Press down on the food to remove excess air** - a potato masher is ideal to do this.
- 5 Fasten the lid one side at a time to create an air seal** - a reminder is printed on the top.
- 6 Drain the juice** - Empty the bottom bucket every couple of days to keep it smelling fresh.
- 7 When full, find a spot for your Bokashi bin at room temperature** - It will take 7-10 days to ferment. If cooler, it may take up to 14 days.
- 8 Dig a hole and bury it** - When ready, it will still resemble food but it will be fermented, ready to go into the soil. Mix some soil into the food waste and top with about 75mm-100mm of soil.
- 9 After 2-4 weeks your buried food waste will turn into compost.** Wait 2 weeks before planting anything into it.

Bokashi Juice:

To fertilise your garden or plants dilute the juice (2 Tbsp to 5 litres of water) and apply to the soil. For foliage dilute the juice (1 tsp to 5 litres of water) and spray over the leaves.

The Environment Centre is here to help with your Bokashi questions and problems. For more online inspiration check out:

Compost Collective www.compostcollective.org.nz

Zing Bokashi www.zingbokashi.co.nz

Check out “Zero Waste Family” on Youtube and search

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What can go in?

Yes, I can go in the bin



No, I can't go in the bin



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