



INDOOR COMPOSTER

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How to use the Indoor Composter Kit

The Indoor Composter System

You can transform most food waste (including cooked food, meat, fish and cheese) into super healthy nutrient rich compost with the help of this small and compact system in your kitchen. No bad smells or flies! Once treated in the Indoor Composter, this material can safely be dug into your garden or placed in your compost bin.

What is the Indoor Composting System?

It is one of the most effective methods of recycling kitchen organic waste. It is carried out in an airtight container using Bokashi as a compost activator.

Bokashi is a Japanese term meaning “Fermented Organic Matter”. It is material that has been fermented with friendly bacteria. Bokashi can also be used as an eco-friendly household cleaner and deodorizer.

Bokashi aids the fermentation of organic matter in your Indoor Composter. The fermentation process does not produce adverse smells so you can keep the composter under the sink or anywhere in the home.

Items that CAN and CANNOT be put into the Indoor Composter

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<p>Food Scraps & Leftovers e.g. Fruit/veg, dairy products, meat, fish</p> <p>Prepared Foods e.g. Burgers, snacks baked foods, cakes</p> <p>Other Organic Material e.g. Coffee grounds, tea bags, paper</p>	<p>Bottles/Cans (plastic, glass, aluminium etc)</p> <p>Packaging (metal, foil, staples, plastics etc)</p>

Kit includes:

1. 1 x Indoor Composter with lid (with silicon seal) and strainer
2. 1 x tap with black washer to drain liquid fertiliser
3. 1 x compactor for removing air pockets and condensing contents
4. 1 x 500ml spray bottle of liquid Bokashi

Setting up your Indoor Composter

1. Insert the tap into the threaded hole ensuring that the washer is fitted. The thick washer will allow for a good seal without being overly tight. Make sure not to overtighten and squash the washer.
2. Fill the container with some water to check that there is no leaks coming from the seal of the tap. Then empty the water.
3. Make sure the strainer is already firmly in position at the bottom of the bucket and that the green seal is firmly inserted at the bottom of the lid.

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Using your Indoor Composter

1. You can start adding your cooked and uncooked food scraps into your composter right away.
2. When adding food waste give the contents 6-10 sprays of the liquid Bokashi. If you have added a large amount of waste in one day then add more Bokashi. If you find your system begins to smell over time, then you should be spraying more Bokashi and make sure to drain the liquid from the tap.
3. Each time you add waste you will need to condense the contents down using the compactor provided. This will serve to extract the air and liquid from the organic matter.
4. It is always important to keep the lid shut when not being filled. This is an anaerobic composting system so the less air the better. Make sure to close the clips as this will prevent the lid from rising.
5. It can take up to a week for the liquid to build up inside. As the system works best with little or no liquid building up in the reservoir, it is important to check the reservoir levels daily. Don't worry if no liquid comes out as this will vary from time to time. Also please note as the bucket is airtight, the liquid may only drain out the tap if the lid is open to allow air to enter.



The extracted liquid contains nutrients from the food organics and is therefore alive with beneficial microbes that can aid in the growth and development of your plants and shrubs. For garden and house plants dilute 5-25ml in 5 litres of water and apply directly to the soil. For trees and shrubs you can dilute as much as 50ml in 5 litres of water and apply directly to the soil. **Never apply directly to foliage.**

Another option is to pour the concentrated liquid directly into your kitchen and bathroom sinks, toilets or septic systems. The liquid will help to control odours and prevent algae build-up. The liquid feed should be used within a day or two after draining from the composter.

6. When the composter is full, store away from direct sunlight. If you have a second composter you can start adding waste to this. Ideally the waste should stay in the composter for 2-3 weeks, with the liquid being drained every few days.
7. When you are ready to dispose of the contents, dig a small hole or trench in your garden bed (approximately 10-15cm deep), spread the contents 2-3cm thick and cover with soil. The material will continue breaking down (enriching the soil as it does so). As the material is quite acidic at first, it is best not to bury close to plants or tree roots.

If you have an outdoor compost bin, you can also add the contents of the Indoor Composter directly to your outdoor composter. You just need to make sure to mix the contents in well.



Cleaning and Maintenance

After emptying, rinse the composter with water (no detergents or soaps) and allow to dry thoroughly. Once dry the unit is ready for use again.

For more information including where to purchase replacement **Bokashi refills** contact Maze Products