

YOUR GUIDE TO HOME COMPOSTING



Suva City Council Waste Minimization Program



Your little positive actions can add up to assist the Council in keeping your City "Clean & Green"

WASTE MINIMIZATION INITIATIVES

City residents are encouraged to exercise environment stewardship in minimizing waste by practicing the popular 3R concepts (reduce, reuse, recycle). One simple process is turning waste into useful compost through "Home based composting". Composting is recycling naturally by biological process that turns organic waste from your kitchen, yard clipping and green waste into soil-enriching humus (compost) which can be used in your backyard gardens to improve the soil fertility thereby increasing agricultural productivity, improved soil bio-diversity and reduced ecological risks and a better environment. Composting reduces the volume of generated wastes that would have to be transported and disposed of at Landfills thereby reducing disposal costs.

In our support to promote composting, Council is selling "Home Compost Bins" to our residents at a subsidized rate of only \$30.00/bin. Please enquire at Council's Health Department for your compost bin and composting tips.



TRY HOME COMPOSTING TODAY

IT is easy to set up
is safe to keep
is fast and matures in 3 month's time
is very economical

FOR COMPOSTING IT'S SIMPLE - JUST FOLLOW THESE FEW STEPS NOW AND YOU'LL BE ON YOUR WAY

1 Selection of a suitable site on your property.



2 Setting up of compost bins or compost pit;
+ embed base of bin 1-2" firmly into the
ground
+ spread dry grass at the base of the bin

3 Place Green Waste (grass cuttings, yard
clippings & leaves) and Kitchen Waste
(vegetable peelings) into compost bin or
compost pit.



4 Mix contents properly in your compost bin or
compost pit.

5 Cover compost bin and compost pit.



6 Maintain compost process regularly by
repeating steps 3-5 accordingly until
maturity.



For further enquiries and suggestions, please do not
hesitate to call the address below

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1st Floor Civic Administration Building
196 Victoria Parade
P.O. BOX 176, SUVA
Phone: 331 3433 ext 407 | 406 | 402 | 409
Fax: 330 8434
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COMPOSTING CONTROL MEASURES

Problems	Possible Causes	Solution
Matted leaves or grass clippings aren't decomposing.	Poor aeration, or lack of moisture.	Avoid thick layers of just one material. Too much of something like leaves, paper or grass clippings don't break down well. Break up the layers and mix up the pile so that there is a good mix of materials. Cut down any big material that isn't breaking down well.
Stinks like rancid butter, vinegar or rotten eggs.	Not enough oxygen, or the pile is too wet, or compacted.	Mix up the pile so that it gets some aeration and can breathe. Add coarse dry materials like dry leaves to soak up excess moisture. If smell is too bad, add dry materials on top and wait until it dries out a bit before you mix the pile.
Odor like urinal.	Not enough carbon.	Add brown materials like leaves, straw, hay, shredded newspaper, etc.
Attracts rodents, flies, or other animals.	Inappropriate materials (like meat, oil, bones), or the food-like material is too close to the surface of the pile.	Bury kitchen scraps near the center of the pile. Don't add inappropriate materials to compost. Keep bin closed at all times.
Attracts insects, millipedes, slugs, etc.	This is normal composting, and part of the natural process.	Not a problem.

Waste Recycler's Contact:

- Pacific Scrap Buyers - 336 4757 / 933 0575 (Lami Street)

Email: pacific_scrap@yahoo.com

e.g. scrap metal, PET bottles, cans etc

- Waste Recyclers (Fiji) Ltd - 336 1055 / 992 1056 (Lot 26 Wailada Subdivision, Lami)

Email: wasterec@connect.com.fj

e.g. scrap metal, PET bottles, cans etc

- South Pacific Waste Recyclers - 334 1115 (Bulei Rd, Laucala B Estate)

Email: spwr@cjsgroup.com.fj

(Waste Paper only)

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