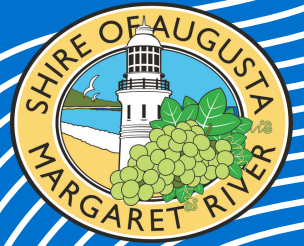


Bokashi Bucket

A guide to successfully setting it up



The Bokashi bucket is the perfect option for people who want to compost but don't have much space. The Bokashi composting system works on the principle of anaerobic composting (without oxygen) in an airtight container, thereby eliminating odours and making it suitable for indoors. Organic waste is added to the bucket, followed by Bokashi mix - organic material with micro-organisms - which breaks the waste down into wonderful Bokashi juice for your garden!

How to get started

- 1 Place your Bokashi bucket somewhere handy like the kitchen bench or under the sink.
- 2 Place the drain plate in the bottom of the bucket. This plate allows excess liquid from the bucket to drain out.
- 3 Place a layer of organic waste (3-4cm thick) on top of the drain plate before adding Bokashi mix (liquid or grain) as per the instructions on the packet. As food waste is produced, add it to your bucket. When putting high protein foods such as meat, fish, eggs and cheese, add a little extra Bokashi mix.
- 4 At the end of each day press down on the mixture to remove air pockets using a compactor, mashing utensil or similar, add some more Bokashi mix and replace the lid making sure it is firmly secured.
- 5 Once or twice a week, drain the liquid from the bottom of the bucket. Repeat steps 4-6 until your bucket is full.
- 6 Once full, ensure the lid is firmly secured and set your bucket aside for 10-15 days. Drain the liquid from the bottom every other day.
- 7 After 10-15 days your bucket is ready to be emptied. Dig a small hole or trench in a garden bed or large planter, empty the contents of the bucket and bury. Rinse the bucket with water only and repeat the whole process. In 2 to 4 weeks, the waste you have buried will be mostly broken down and rich with nutrients, microbes and enzymes. It's a terrific soil conditioner and will help your garden to thrive.

How to use your Bokashi liquid

- The amount and colour of Bokashi liquid produced will vary depending on the types of food used. Vegetables produce the most liquid however, don't be concerned if little or no liquid is produced. Make sure the liquid is used within 24 hours once drained from the bucket.
- Bokashi liquid makes a terrific fertiliser as it is full of nutrients and alive with beneficial micro-organisms. To use as a soil conditioner in the garden, dilute with water (approximately 1:100 ratio) and water onto your lawn, garden beds or pot plants – do NOT apply directly to plant foliage.
- You can pour undiluted Bokashi liquid directly into your drains, toilets and septic systems to eliminate algae build-up and control unpleasant odours. It will also assist in cleaning our waterways by competing with harmful bacteria.

