



COMPOSTING INSTRUCTIONS

- **Place** your composter on an open patch of soil that will receive some sun during the day. Dig a hole (about 8 cm deep) beneath the composter.
- **What to compost:**

DO USE 	DO NOT USE 
Fruit and vegetable scraps, eggshells, egg trays, coffee grounds, tea bags, grass clippings, leaves, sawdust, wood shavings, paper and vacuum cleaner contents. Tip: Bone meal and compost starter may be added to boost the composting process.	Cooked food scraps, meat, grease, dairy products, pet faeces, diseased plants and weeds.

- **Before** filling your composting container, note how much of what material you are putting in. (Tip: Use a 2 litre ice cream container as measuring device).

Note:
We only want to know whether it is kitchen or garden waste, and the quantities thereof (in litres).
- **Fill** in your name and address in the front of the notebook that will be provided to you.
- **When** filling the container, note:
 - The date
 - The quantities of kitchen and garden waste (in litres)
 - Top up your composter at any time
(Tip: Place the material in layers).
- **Add** about 1 to 2 litres of water to the mixture weekly (keep the contents moist, but not soggy).
- **Stir** with a stick two to three times per month.
(Tip: If the compost is hot, then it's time to mix the pile).
- **At the end** of each month, add up how much kitchen and garden waste you have used in that month and e-mail this information to Noel.Johannessen@capetown.gov.za or SMS to
- **A filled black bag** equates to 60 litres.
- **Once** your compost is dark brown, crumbly and smells earthy (it takes between two and four months), it is ready to be used in the garden.



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HOME COMPOSTING: A CITY OF CAPE TOWN RESEARCH PROJECT

Dear Resident

The City of Cape Town supports and promotes recycling as a way of improving the way in which resources are used. Households can reduce the amount of waste generated by making compost. This not only diverts material from going to our landfill sites, but provides households with compost to make their gardens grow.

The City has initiated a research project to determine the best way of assisting households in making compost. Over the next year four areas will be provided with a limited number of special composting containers, and their use will be monitored to determine just how effective the project is. Based on the results the City will consider expanding this initiative in the future. Your area has been selected as one of the research areas, and you are invited to participate in the project.

What is expected from you?



- If you agree to participate, you will be provided with a special composting container along with instructions for its use.
- You must follow the instructions and e-mail or SMS the amount of compost made to the City by the 5th of each month.
- You will also have to complete several questionnaires to provide the City with statistics, and might be visited by an official to see how the project is coming along.

Best of all: All the compost produced is yours to help improve your garden.

Contact the project manager, Noel Johannessen, at 021 400 5924 between 07:15 and 15:30 on weekdays or at Noel.Johannessen@capetown.gov.za.

We look forward to your participation in this scheme.

Yours sincerely
Director: Solid Waste Management



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To whom it may concern



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HOME-COMPOSTING RESEARCH PROJECT

This is to certify that _____ has been appointed by the City of Cape Town to interact with residents on the home-composting project, a City initiative to promote recycling at home.

He/she will provide you with additional information and documentation about this project.

Should you wish to verify any details in this regard, please contact Noel Johannessen at the City of Cape Town on 021 400 5924.

Iya kulowo ubandakanyekayo

IPROJEKTHI YOPHANDO LOKUVUNDISA EKHAYA

Oku kuqinisekisa ukuba _____ uqeshwe sisiXeko saseKapa ukuba asebenzisane nabahlali ngeprojekthi yokuvundisa ekhaya, iphulo lesiXeko lokukhuthaza ukurisayklisha ekhaya.

Uza kunikezela ngengcaciso eyongezelelweyo kwakunye namaxwebhu ngale projekthi.

Xa unokuthi ufune ukuqinisekisa naziphina iinkcukhaca malunga noku, nceda uqhagamshelane no-Noel Johannessen kwisiXeko saseKapa kwa-021 400 5924.

Aan wie dit mag aangaan

TUISKOMPOSTERINGSPROJEK

Hiermee word gesertifiseer dat _____ deur die Stad Kaapstad aangestel is om met inwoners te gesels oor die tuiskomposteringsprojek, 'n Stadsinisiatief om herwinning tuis aan te moedig.

Hy/sy sal jou van nog inligting en dokumentasie oor hierdie projek voorsien.

As jy enige besonderhede in hierdie verband wil verifieer, skakel Noel Johannessen by die Stad Kaapstad by 021 400 5924.

