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**This Guide is for 18L, 23L & 27L Single/Double Bokashi Bins & Buckets and 30L Single/Double Deluxe Stainless Steel Bokashi Composters**

Thank you for purchasing a Bokashi Bucket. We hope you will enjoy many years of very successful kitchen composting with this item.

***What is the Bokashi Composting System?***

It is one of the most effective methods of recycling kitchen organic waste. It is carried out in an air-tight container using Bokashi as an activator.

Bokashi is a Japanese term meaning “Fermenting Organic Matter”. It is bran-based material that has been activated with Effective Micro-Organisms (EM’s) – essentially friendly bacteria and molasses. Bokashi is a pleasant-smelling product, which when added to your bucket, aids and promotes the fermentation of your organic matter.

The fermentation process should not produce adverse smells so you can keep the bucket under the sink or in the home.

***The kit includes:***

- 1 or 2 Bokashi Compost Buckets
- 1 Kg Bokashi Bran (about 2-3 months supply)
- Tap
- Inner drainage tray with polystyrene leg/block (Note: polystyrene leg/block is only included with 18L & 27L Bokashi Bin)

***Before you start:***

- Fit the tap through the tap hole at the bottom of the bucket(s)
- Fit the polystyrene leg into the recess in the white drainage tray and place, leg facing downwards, into the bucket.
- Put a single layer of newspaper over the white drainage tray.

***Instructions for use:***

- 1 - Simply put your cooked and uncooked food scraps into the kitchen composter.
- 2 - Sprinkle a handful of Bokashi on top of the food waste each time you add food scraps (ideally, all food scraps should be covered with a small amount of Bokashi Bran).
- 3 - Press the material down using a flat instrument (like the base of a plate or a pan) to help expel any air.
- 4 - Keep the lid shut at all times. This is an anaerobic composting system – the less air the better.
- 5 - Drain any excess liquid produced using the tap at the bottom of the bucket as often as possible. This allows the material to decompose at a quicker rate.
- 6 - When the bucket is full, close the lid tightly and leave to ferment for 2-3 weeks – this allows the fermentation process to finish off.
- 7 - In the meantime, while you’re waiting to start to fill your second bucket (if you bought a double kit!). When the second bucket is full, it’s time to empty the first bucket.
- 8 - Always rinse the bucket out before filling again.

***What to do with the waste***

Once finished, you can either:

- \* Add the waste to a home composter. For best results, keep the material covered with soil and other compostable material.
- \* Add the waste to a Wormery (but be careful not to overfeed the worms). If you’re adding the waste to a Wormery it is best advised to not add any further waste.
- \* Dig a trench in the soil in your garden, add the waste and cover over.

### **Important information**

When you add the fermented material to a composter – it is best to spread it out and then layer it between fresh soil and composting material. Emptying the bucket into a solid mass may slow the composting process.

If burying the material in the ground it should ideally be spread out about 1 inch thick and covered with around 3-4 inches of soil. Try not to bury the fermented material too near to plant and tree roots, as the compost is quite acidic at first but it becomes less acidic soon afterwards.

### **Liquid feed**

The amount and colour of the liquid drained will depend on the type of foods you have put into the bucket. Fruit and vegetables tend to release more liquid than other foods.

The liquid feed produced during the fermentation process is highly beneficial and can be used:

#### **1 - Watering the garden**

The liquid contains nutrients from the food organics and is alive with beneficial microbes. For garden and house plants, use a teaspoon to 5 litres of water and apply directly to the soil. For trees and shrubs use 2 teaspoons to 5 litres of water. Do not apply directly to foliage.

#### **2 - Around the house**

Pour the concentrated liquid directly into your kitchen and bathroom drains, toilets or septic system. The Ems will help prevent algae build up and control odours. The liquid feed should be used within a day or two after draining from the bucket and should not be stored.

### **Benefits:**

- No smells because a friendly safe bacterium is used.
- No fruit flies because the process does not require air.
- Small and compact for the kitchen
- Cooked and uncooked food including meat, fish, fruit and vegetables may be safely composted at home in a home compost bin when processed first using the Bokashi Composting System.
- Will rebuild the soil in your garden and will decontaminate soil from harmful pathogens and pollutants
- Watch your garden bloom with new life if you bury your fermented food waste directly under the soil or make into compost in a compost bin.
- Be part of an organic solution by directing food waste away from landfill.

| <b>YES PLEASE</b>        |                                   | <b>NO THANK YOU</b>     |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| * Fruit and Veg          | * Pizza, Burgers, Snacks          | * Bottles and cans      | * Tobacco Ash         |
| * Dairy products         | * Based foods, cakes              | * Plastic               | * Tea Bags            |
| * Meat and Bones         | * Cooked food leftovers           | * Aluminium             | * Pet Waste from Cats |
| * Fish                   | * Spent flowers                   | * Metal (foil, staples) | and dogs              |
| * Pizza, Burgers, Snacks | * Pet Waste from small herbivores |                         |                       |

**Extra Bran and Bokashi Buckets can be found on any of our websites:**

[www.originalorganics.co.uk](http://www.originalorganics.co.uk), [www.waterbuttsdirect.co.uk](http://www.waterbuttsdirect.co.uk), [www.wormery.co.uk](http://www.wormery.co.uk), [www.rainwatersolutions.co.uk](http://www.rainwatersolutions.co.uk)

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