

Example resources and cost indication list

Here are a list of some items that are useful for your Community Composting Hub. We don't endorse particular brands, and leave it to you to find the option that best works for you. Our tutors are available to assist you with further advice and answer any questions on this.

Item	Why might you need this?	Examples of options	Estimated cost
Tools			
Long handled garden fork	This is a useful tool for moving compost from one location to another, i.e moving compost into another bay, and for turning the compost.	Victoria Manure Drag Tyne Garden fork	\$175 \$30-\$50
Shovel	As above		\$15-\$80
Wheelbarrow	This is useful for moving compost from one location to another, i.e moving compost into another bay, and for moving garden waste		\$80-\$200+
Aerator	Helps aeration of the compost bin and oxygen for the microbes to do their jobs		\$15-\$80

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Tools cont'd			
Shredder	This is useful for breaking down garden waste and making mulch to add to the compost		
Weighing Scales	These would be used to weigh food scraps prior to adding them to your compost.	Plug in Digital Large Scale LCD 150kg Portable Hanging Scale - for smaller weights - has a hook that can hang from a tree or similar Mechanical scales from Advasco (no power needed)	\$75-\$150 \$20-\$70 \$207
Thermometer	This is only needed for Hot composting systems if you want to check that your heap is hitting the correct temperature.	Premium Stainless Steel Compost Soil Thermometer 50cm Length	\$50

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Hub marketing & promotion			
Signage	To let the community know where you are, what you do, and what is expected of donors at your hub		Dependent on what is needed and whether it needs to be professionally printed and water-proof
Subscription to	Living compost Hubs App	https://www.livingcomposthubs.org.nz/	TBC
Composting systems (New or DIY)			
Bokashi Zing	If using a Bokashi system of composting, this will be necessary for both the hub and potentially donors too		\$20 for a 1kg bag
Eco Enzyme liquid	Home-made Eco Enzyme can be used in place of Bokashi zing, saving money.	Make your own Eco Enzyme (recipe here)	

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Composting systems (New or DIY) cont'd			
5kg of worms		Partial list of worm suppliers	
DIY composting systems & replacement parts for DIY systems	<p>Depending on where you are in your journey with composting, it's not necessary to always purchase 'New' systems. A good Do It Yourself Project can work just as well if not better as you can design it to your own needs, at the same time as utilising other resources.</p> <p>Contact your local Compost Collective facilitator for DIY resources and replacement parts for DIY systems, including buckets and wheelie bins available for free or low cost.</p>	<p>Make your own compost bin</p> <p>Make your own worm farm</p> <p>Make your own Bokashi bins</p>	