



# Composting food scraps - Tāmaki Makaurau



Food waste going to landfill creates greenhouse gases, which contribute to global warming. Let's talk Compost!

**Do you want to compost food scraps at home?**

Do you have some outdoor space?

YES

NO

Are you happy to drop off food scraps?

YES

NO, I don't have much or any outdoor space

YES

NO, I want a pick up

Do you have green waste to compost as well as food scraps?

YES

NO

## Compost bin

Great for small or large quantities of food scraps and perfect if you have garden waste, such as dried leaves, lawn clippings and branches.

## Worm farm

Closed, compact system, so can be kept indoors or in a porch area.  
*Worm farm uses composting worms such as tiger worms or red worms to eat through a mixture of food scraps, garden waste, waste paper and cardboard.*

## Bokashi

The most compact and airtight system. Capable of taking the widest range of food items incl. meat.  
*The by-product needs to be buried to further compost or find a place via ShareWaste to drop it off.*

## Free compost hubs

Free option connecting people with food scraps to neighbours with composting systems.  
*Visit [Tāmaki Makaurau Composters Network](#)*

## Paid Services

There are organisations offering paid collection and/or drop-off food scrap services.  
*Visit [Reclaim](#), [Green Gorilla](#) (used to be WeCompost).*

## Auckland Council food scraps collection

Food scraps bins are collected weekly from residential properties.  
*Visit [Auckland Council food scraps site](#) for details.*

Visit the Compost Collective website for free composting workshops and advice [compostcollective.org.nz](http://compostcollective.org.nz)

Happy to drop off and use free service

Happy to pay to get my food scraps picked up

If you don't want to use the end product in the garden:

For any food scraps you cannot compost yourself e.g. bones, meat, bread, citrus, shellfish etc.), you can use Auckland Council food scraps collection.



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