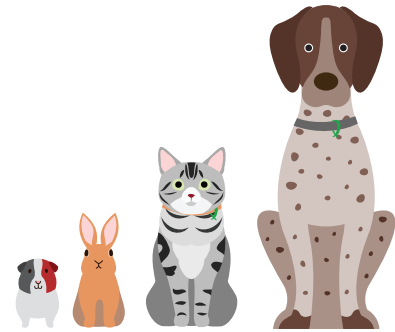


Pet Poo Composter



What is it?

Keep your pet poo off your lawn and out of landfill. This compact in-ground composting system can accept most pet wastes, including dog, cat (not including litter crystals), rabbit and guinea pig waste. The pet poo composter is buried directly into grass or soil and only requires a small amount of space; just be sure to install your pet poo composter away from any edible plants. Worms and micro-organisms will break down your pet's waste, improving the quality of your soil.

What you need

Pet poo composter – this system can be purchased from Council at a discounted rate or from some garden and hardware stores.

Effective micro-organisms – these will come with your pet poo composter and help reduce the smell from the waste.

Yard space – this system needs to be buried away from edible plants and ideally in an area with good drainage.

Pet waste – most pet poo can be disposed of, including, dog, cat (only organic litter), and rabbit.

Shovel – this system requires some digging to install.

Size – 40cm (h) x 19-35 (w).

How to get started

1. Assemble your pet poo composter.
2. Select a spot in your garden with good drainage and away from edible plants and phosphorus sensitive native plants.
3. Dig a hole 40cm deep and 40cm wide.
4. Place the pet poo composting system into the hole, so that only the lid is sitting above ground. Fill in the soil around the outside.



Well done! You can now begin to add your pet's waste. Don't forget those micro-organisms – add each time you add your pet waste to help reduce odours and to help break down the waste. Add approximately 2 tablespoons for every cup of waste. Your garden worms will do the rest!

Do I need to move the system around?

Not generally. Your wonderful garden worms will help to break down your pet waste and distribute it to the surrounding soil. If you do find that your system is getting too full, you might need to think about getting a second system to help keep up with the amount of waste your pets produce or, move to an area with better drainage.

If you ever want to relocate your pet poo composter, to improve the soil in another area of your garden, simply dig the system out, bury the remaining waste in the soil and move it to your preferred location.

How often do I add the waste?

The more frequent, the better. This will help the waste break down more quickly and will reduce odour. It's best to try and add your pet waste every 1-2 days, rather than once a week.

Anything else I should know?

You can help the composting process by adding air. Turn the waste weekly with a garden fork, trowel, or composting aerator.

If you think things look too dry in your system, add some water with a watering can.

More information



For more information on how to purchase a discounted composting system and for other fact sheets, visit:
www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/DiscountCompost or scan the QR code.

Did you know Council run regular workshops? To find out more, visit: www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Waste-Education