

# Green Cone Solar Composter

## What is it?

The Green Cone Solar Composter is a low maintenance system that can take up to four litres per day of food and pet waste. This system is great for someone who wants to reduce food waste but doesn't have a large garden to use finished compost on. It does not produce compost for the garden, instead, it returns the nutrients directly into the surrounding soil. You put your waste in and the sun and your garden worms do the rest!

## What you need

**Green Cone Solar Composter** – this system can be purchased from Council at a discounted rate or from some garden and hardware stores.

**Yard space** – the system needs to be partially buried in a sunny location with good drainage.

**Organic waste** – collect your food waste in a container and empty into the green cone every couple of days, or as required. Pet waste can be put in straight from your yard. If placing pet waste into the green cone, ensure the green cone is buried away from any edible plants.

**Shovel** – some digging is required to install this system.

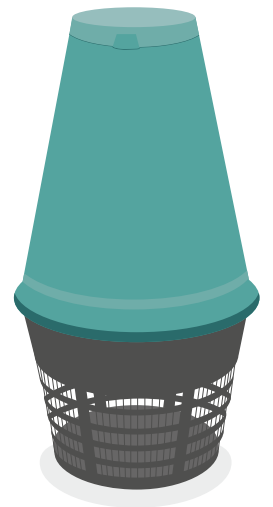
**Size** – 112cm (h), 60cm (w).

## How to get started

- 1 Assemble your Green Cone Solar Composter.
- 2 Choose a sunny spot in your garden, with good drainage.
- 3 Dig a hole 80cm wide and 60cm deep.
- 4 Place the green cone into your freshly dug hole. The basket and the bottom lip of the green outer cone should be below ground level.
- 5 Backfill any gaps around the green cone, with the soil you dug out.
- 6 That's it! As there is no compost to harvest or turn, all you need to do is add your food waste. Simple!

## What can go in a green cone

- **Food waste** – this includes all cooked and uncooked foods, such as fruit and vegetable scraps, grains, meat, bones and dairy.
- **Animal waste** – pet poo can be added to the system as long as it is not buried where you are growing food. The bacteria from the faeces breaking down is not safe for edible plants to grow in.



## What cannot go in a green cone

- Garden waste
- Paper and cardboard
- Try to avoid foods that require a very long time to break down, such as cooking fat and oils and the hard shells of nuts and seafood, such as oysters and crabs.

## 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](http://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/DiscountCompost) or scan the QR code.

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