

Composting

Service Description

In an attempt to encourage household organic waste recycling, Council provides residents with the opportunity to purchase Compost Bins and Worm Farms (at cost). Type and cost details are outlined below

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Description / Type of Bin

220L Compost Bin [available in a flat pack for self assembly] - Cost \$36.50

Handy Hints

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There are a range of choices available when deciding what to build a compost heap in, possible containers include: Compost Bins Compost barrels Enclosure, and Compost Heaps Each method has its own advantages and disadvantages. The chosen method will depend on factors such as How much Compost you wish to make The size of your household The size of your garden The Key to successful composting is to provide a suitable working environment for decay consuming organisms that produce compost. The essential requirements are nutrients, air, water, microorganisms, warmth and time

For good results:

Use a variety of materials

Aerate the compost, to prevent nasty odours and to encourage the microorganisms that rely on oxygen.

Keep compost heaps moist but not wet

Properly managed Compost heaps should reach temperatures over 60deg.C to ensure weed seeds are destroyed; the smaller the heap, the more heat loss

As a general rule anything that was once part of a living thing can be composted. The ideal compost mixture is 20 parts carbon to 1 part nitrogen (by volume). Examples of Carbon and Nitrogen rich matter are listed below.

High in Nitrogen:

Food Scraps

Fresh lawn clippings

Weeds

Manure

Cut flowers

Tea leaves / coffee grounds

High in Carbon

Sawdust

Straw and dry grass

Shredded paper

Wood ash

Pruning, Dry leaves

Please call the Environmental Health Department Glenorchy City Council on 6216 6797 for further enquiries.

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