

Trouble Shooting

Look inside your cone and if you can see blue/grey fur (mold) growing on the food waste and your cone does not smell, your cone is working as it should. Add accelerator powder for a few days if you do not see the mold growing.

Symptom	Cause	Treatment
Small Flies come out of bin when opened	Eggs of fruit flies are already in the skins of many fruits. Food waste left uncovered prior to going into Green Cone may attract egg laying flies	Keep food waste covered prior to going into Green Cone
Food waste in the Cone looks wet and slimy	Cone installed in poor draining soil or there has been heavy rain fall.	Ensure Green Cone is installed in well drained soil (avoid installing in clay soil) Install Cone in a raised bed for better drainage
The basket is full of food waste in a short time	Cone is over loaded	Place only 1 caddy worth of food waste in every 1-2 days. Add accelerate powder for the first two weeks of use
Pests around bin (dogs, rodents, insects).	Incorrect installation of Green Cone Food spilled near or on outside of Green Cone	Make sure Cone basket is below ground level Clean up spills and keep lid clean and closed at all times

tip: if you have heavy clay soil and have drainage issues you could install the Green Cone in a raised bed.



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Composting is nature's way of breaking down vegetation using worms, good bacteria and other organisms.

Five great reasons to use a food digester

1. Takes all types of kitchen waste

A food digester can handle all types of food waste including meat, bones, dairy, grains, processed and cooked foods.

2. Takes pet waste

The Green Cone heats up enough to kill potential pathogens found in dog waste.

2. Reduces your garbage

The Green Cone is an easy and effective way to reduce kitchen and pet waste going to the curb.

3. It's easy

Setting up a Green Cone in your backyard is simple. Everyone in the home can participate and feel good about making a difference.

4. Reduces use of chemical fertilizers

The material added to the Green Cone turns to liquid and enters surrounding gardens providing nutrients

5. Helps the environment

Managing your organics in your backyard reduces the need for more trucks on the road and recycles nutrients back into the earth.

A guide to

Green Cone Food Digester



A simple, low maintenance way to handle any type of kitchen scraps right in your own backyard.

Get the best out of your bin!

1. Assemble your Green Cone

Follow the directions for installation in the booklet included with your Green Cone.

tip: The bar across the opening of the green outer cone can be removed using a hacksaw if desired.



2. Choose a sunny spot

The sunnier the better. Also try to choose a convenient location that is accessible all year round.

3. Dig a hole in well drained soil

The Green Cone must be installed in well drained soil. Dig a hole 70 cm (28") wide and 54 cm (22") deep.

tip: To test for good drainage, pour a bucket of water into the hole. If it has disappeared within 10 - 15 minutes your drainage is ok, if not dig the hole deeper and add stones.



4. Place Green Cone into the hole

Mix some of the soil from the hole (do not use clay) with some stones or gravel and use at the bottom of the hole.

Place Green Cone into the hole and ensure the top of the basket and bottom lip of the green cone are below ground level.

tip: The soil level will drop after installation and heavy rain. Check periodically that the bottom lip of the Green Cone is covered.



5. Add food waste

The Green Cone can handle 1 full kitchen caddy every 1 - 2 days in the summer and 1 full caddy every 2 - 3 days during the winter. Sprinkle with accelerator powder for the first week after installation and in the winter.

See the **What's In What's Out** chart for acceptable materials.



What's In



- raw fruit and vegetable peels or leftovers



- breads, grains, pasta and cooked foods



- coffee grounds
- tea leaves, tea bags
- eggshells



- meats, poultry, fish, bones



- cheese and other dairy products



- small amounts of pet waste from dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters (no wood shavings)

What's Out



- NO leaves, grass, brush or other yard waste (place in a backyard composter or curbside cart)

- NO grease, cooking oil, or other fats

-NO paints, solvents, chemical cleaners

- NO medicine or pharmaceuticals

- NO recyclables such as paper, plastics or metal