



## Bokashi Composting System



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I mentioned the Bokashi Composting System in a previous [post](#). A Treehugger reader, Alexander, tells us of his experience with Bokashi:

I've been searching and searching the net for a way to compost within the confines of my small, urban apartment. Though it took forever, I found a system that is very easy and doesn't smell at all. It's based on 'effective microorganisms' and yields a few really nice benefits. The runoff from the bucket can be used to do two things:

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fertilize your household plants when diluted, or keep your drains clear when used at full strength.

The composting bin seen above is built to work with Bokashi, it's made of 70% recycled plastic, and sells for around \$30-50. WholeFoods will soon be selling sawdust inoculated with Bokashi.

:: [Happy Farmer Kitchen Composter](#)

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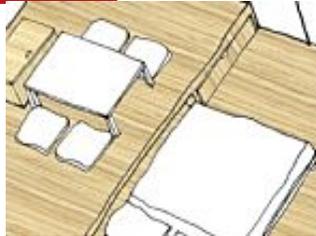
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**John Reinhardt** · 3 years ago

Does it actually compost meat and dairy? If so, I may give it a whirl. I've been tracking my adventures at <http://growninthecity.com/2011...>, but so far I only have dipped my toes int

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I prefer the NatureMill automatic compost machine (written up in treehugger last March) compost, rather than fermented preserved bokashi. You don't have to buy any EM1 or any long run it is much cheaper. They even tell you on their website [naturemill.com](http://naturemill.com) how to re yourself - not the type of scam you usually find with filters/toner/razor blades, etc.

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johanna · 9 years ago

i just bought one of these composters and it's honestly pretty cool. i got it because i wanted chicken bones and meat scraps so they dont smell up the trash. now i put all my scraps in i really doesnt smell at all. i made my own bokashi once too, but it was a huge hassle. it's ea dollar bag lasted me a little longer than a couple of months.

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Elizabeth → johanna · 2 years ago

Donate RAW chicken bones and meat scraps to dog owners. Dogs on a RAW diet live lives. My dog's medical conditions went away and he poops less often... It's freakin :

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Eric · 9 years ago

If you want to get the original Effective Microorganisms, or EM1, to be to make your own visit [www.emamerica.com](http://www.emamerica.com).

For instructions on how to use EM1 and make EM Bokashi, please visit: <http://www.howt>

Eric

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tom kahmann · 9 years ago

i made a composter from a green garbage can w/ clamp-on lid, and drilled several holes in circulation. to mix contents, simply lay down and roll a few times! it cost about \$10 and ca



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as for microorganisms, there are millions in freshly cut grass, compost, or top soil, just add or so.

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**jjj420** → tom kahmann · 4 years ago

The Bokashi method offers the advantage of less odor. Instead of letting waste rot, y microbes you describe also aren't as fast-acting as Bokashi microbes. You could hav garbage can, saved yourself the trouble of drilling holes, and only spent about \$15 n microbes.

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**RS** · 9 years ago

Apparently, this product requires purchase of bags of the "effective microorganisms" (US\$) will affect its cost-effectiveness.

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