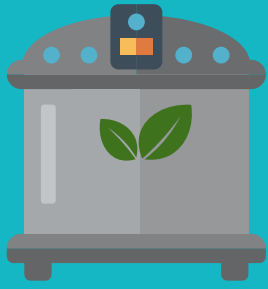


What ARE Countertop Composters?



Countertop Composters are electric kitchen appliances that use heat and grinding to process organic waste, like food scraps and napkins.



The Good:

Keeping food waste out of the landfill is important.

These appliances don't take up much room, don't make much noise, and don't need regular maintenance, so they work well when space and attention is limited.

They take wet, bulky food waste and make it into dry, compact powder that can be stored at room temperature.



The Bad:



They are expensive to buy, resource-intensive to build, and use electricity to run.

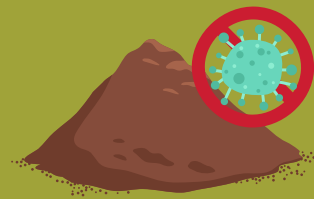


The Ugly:

In spite of the name, *they don't make compost*. Food is dried but not decomposed by microbes.

The powder can go into outdoor garden soil, a compost bin, or green cart, but not indoor plants - because it isn't 'done.'

However for some, the sterility *is* the appeal. If normal compost leaves you too squeamish, these appliances might be for you.



Want to know more? Check out www.swrc.ca/compost