

## Choosing a Composter

It is recommended that residents consider the following before committing to having a composter at home:

- **Location** – sunlight and drainage will affect your composter’s activity
- **Time** – composting is easy, but time will still need to be dedicated to ensuring your composter gets enough oxygen or cleaning out your indoor composters
- **Wildlife** – some food waste requires a lot of heat to properly compost and not all composters are up to the task.
  - For food waste that attracts wildlife use your Green Bin curbside collection or contact your local municipality.
  - Grass and leaf piles can compost, but they also act as a nice home for smaller wildlife. Utilize the free yard waste drop off locations for the excess you won’t be composting or consider the process of grass-cycling when mowing your lawn. Visit [www.scrd.ca/composting](http://www.scrd.ca/composting) for a list of locations.

The SCRD’s Composting Website ([www.scrd.ca](http://www.scrd.ca)) has a basic guide for composting and for helping residents work through the above considerations. Detailed information about each composter type can be found at [Compost Education Centre in Victoria’s](#) website.

This list is not an exhaustive list of all the composters available but staff endeavored to find all the options they could that were available for delivery or in-person pick up on the Sunshine Coast. If a resident would like to suggest an available option please reach out to [infrastructure@scrd.ca](mailto:infrastructure@scrd.ca).

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### OUTDOOR COMPOSTERS

These composters are designed to be located outdoors because they require natural occurring bacteria and worms that are located outside and placement location may affect functionality.

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### TRADITIONAL/STATIC COMPOSTER

Name	Vender	Price (not including taxes or shipping)	Specifications
<b>Composter</b>	Canadian Tire	\$79.99	11 cubic foot capacity, with a single body design 34" x 32" x 28" Composter is made from 100% post-consumer recycled materials Item # 059-2198-0
<b>Wire Compost Bin</b>	Lee Valley	\$ 52.50	Bin measures 36" x 36" x 30" high. Heavy-gauge 1/8" steel wire with a polyester powder-coat finish, it has pull-out corner rods to make everything accessible. Item # WT110
<b>Tumbleweed Composting Bin</b>	Rona	\$129.00	240L capacity 30.71" x 30.31" x 30.31" 100% UV stabilized recycled plastic Item #FP240
<b>Domestic Compost Bin</b>	RONA	\$114	280L capacity With UV agents. Made of high-density polyethylene (HDPE).
<b>Free Garden Earth Composte Bin</b>	Home Hardware	\$89.99	11 cubic ft capacity 33" x 31" Item # 5010-509

<b>Horizon Plastics Soilsaver Compost Bin</b>	Home Hardware	\$119.99	32" x 28" x 28" Item: # 5010-962
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### IN GROUND COMPOSTER/DIGESTER

Name	Vender	Price (not including taxes or shipping)	Specifications
<b>Tumbleweed Worm Buffet In- Ground Worm Farm Composter</b>	RONA	\$59.99	2 cubic ft capacity, 12.2" x 19.5" Item #WF001C
<b>Green Cone/Solar Cone</b>	Online only	\$145-\$200	4kg/week capacity Can go in a large enough plant pot – draining required.

### VERTICAL STACKED COMPOSTER

Name	Vender	Price (not including taxes or shipping)	Specifications
<b>3-Stage Composter</b>	Lee Valley	\$ 425.00	PBA-free polypropylene with UV inhibitors 31" x 31" x 43 1/4" tall and holds about 600 litres (158 U.S. gallons) Item #CT123

### TUMBLING/ROLLING COMPOSTER

Name	Vender	Price (not including taxes or shipping)	Specifications
<b>Dual-Batch rolling Composter</b>	Lee Valley	\$ 119.00	26" x 28" UV-resistant polypropylene barrel stands 36" tall on the galvanized aluminum frame. Each compartment has a capacity of 2.5 cubic feet. Item #CT106
<b>Tumbling Composter with Two Chambers -</b>	Canadian Tire	\$109.99	5 cubic ft capacity 36" x 28" x 30" Item #059-4490-0
<b>FCMP Outdoor Plastic Tumblers Composter</b>	RONA	\$149.99	37.4 Gal Capacity – 1 chamber #HF-RC4000WB
		\$87.99	18.7 Gal Capacity Item #RC2000WB-BLU
		\$87.99	18.7 Gal Capacity Item #RC2000WB-GRN
		\$199.99	37.4 Gal Capacity – 2 chambers Item #HF-DBC4000
	Home Hardware	\$119.99	5 cubic ft capacity 36" x 30" x 30" Item: # 5010-511
<b>Sun-Mar Green Tumbler Composter</b>	RONA	\$349.00	50 Gal Capacity Item #GC20-00001
		\$499.00	100 Gal Capacity Item #GC40-00002
<b>Jora</b>	Jora Canada (online only)	\$574	NE127 7.5kg/week 51" x 36" x 27"
		\$680	NE271 15kg/week 51.5" x 44" x 31"
		\$899	NE401 40kg/week 54.5" x 53" x 34"

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## INDOOR OPTIONS

These options are designed for indoor use or small spaces and if needed, can be scaled up. They do not create compost or nutrient rich top soils but instead create either a “soil tea” or fertilizer like substance that provides nutrients for your soil for both indoor and outdoor use.

If you are choosing an indoor option because you do not have an outdoor space please ensure you have reviewed your options for where the created materials will end up as these cannot go to garbage and may or may not be allowed in your food waste bin.

It is recommended that residents review available options before proceeding.

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## WORM COMPOSTER

A worm composter or a vermi-composter uses worms to breakdown food waste into “castings”. This type of composter can be a great indoor alternative and a fun family project. Fishing supply stores, garden centres and local farms can be contacted to find the “red wiggler” worm which is typically the preferred worm for this composter type.

Name	Vender	Price (not including taxes or shipping)	Specifications
<b>Tumbleweed Can-O-Worms Compost Worm Farm Starter Kit</b>	RONA	\$119.00	57 L Capacity 20” x 25.6” x 20” Item #000300C
		\$149.00	77 L Capacity 22.5” x 29.5” x 15.4” Item #000027C

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## FOOD FERMENTATION/DIGESTER

Name	Vender	Price (not including taxes or shipping)	Specifications
<b>Bokashi</b>	Bokashi Living	\$70-92	1 bin starter kit
		\$112-134	2 bin starter kit

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## ELECTRIC FOOD RECYCLER

The material generated by electric food recyclers varies by the type of product. Confirm what you will do with the materials after they’ve been processed by the product.

Name	Vender	Price (not including taxes or shipping)	Specifications
<b>Vitamix FoodCycler FC-50</b>	Vitamix (online and Lower Mainland retailers)	\$399	31.75 x 27.94 x 36 cm Requires electricity

Other options available for purchase online but quantities were minimal and changed frequently. It is recommended to research options online before purchasing.