



SCRD Home Composter Rebate Pilot Program Terms and Conditions

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) administers the Home Composter Rebate Pilot Program (the "Program").

1. Property owners within the Sunshine Coast Regional District, who are residents of SCR D Electoral Areas A, B, D, E, F, District of Sechelt, Sechelt Indian Government District or Town of Gibsons¹, are eligible to participate in the Program.
2. Property owners must install the eligible home composter on the address listed on the application form.
3. Only the physical composter or materials to build a composter, are eligible for a rebate. Additional costs for landscaping (e.g. ground fill, sod), compost inoculation (e.g. worms, microbes or bokashi bran), or installation fees are not eligible for the rebate.
4. To participate in the Program, property owners must:
 - a. Submit a completed Pre-Approval Application
 - b. Purchase and install a home composter within 90 days of receiving pre-approval letter from the SCR D.
 - c. Submit a completed Claim Form, including a detailed invoice and proof of payment of a home composter, and photos of the completed installation within 90 days of receiving pre-approval letter from the SCR D.
5. The SCR D will not be responsible for any late, lost, incomplete, illegible, misdirected, stolen, delayed, damaged, destroyed Applications, or other failures or circumstances affecting, or disrupting, the submission of any Applications.
6. In the event of an incomplete Application, the SCR D may void the Application if the Property Owner fails to respond within five (5) business days to all reasonable email inquiries by the SCR D with respect to properly completing the Application.
7. The Property Owner takes sole responsibility for the selection, purchase, installation and ownership/maintenance of the Home Composter system.
8. The Property Owner is responsible for complying with the BC Building Code and the administrative policies of the local building department. The Property Owner also certifies that appropriate building and development permits are completed, if required.
9. The Property Owner is responsible for complying with zoning regulations, specifically setbacks as well as development permit areas contained within official community plans of the local planning department.
10. The SCR D reserves the right to change or terminate the Program and these Terms and Conditions at any time without notice including but not limited to: Program eligibility criteria, dates, and rebate amounts funded by SCR D. Completed Pre-Approval Applications can be submitted **until Program funding is exhausted**.
11. By applying for this rebate, the Property Owner acknowledges that the SCR D may contact the Property Owner in the future to participate in a questionnaire regarding this Program.

For questions regarding the SCR D Home Composter Rebate Pilot Program please call 604 885 6806 or email infrastructure@scrd.ca. More information available at www.scrd.ca/composter-rebate.

¹ The *Local Government Act* Section 273 states "a Board must not provide assistance to an industrial, commercial or business undertaking."



SCRD Home Composter Rebate Pilot Program Best Practices

In the planning of your home composter, the SCRCD asks you review the following Best Practices.

- Choose a home composter/composting system that will work for the items you wish to compost in the quantities you plan to generate. www.scrd.ca/composter-rebate has a list of local suppliers or companies that deliver locally.
 - Consider the location where you can promote a productive composting system (e.g. some composter options require plenty of sun and good draining soil to be productive).
 - Consider the time, space or physical requirements of your composter choice as it will be something that you will need to maintain year round (e.g. a traditional home composter needs sun, moisture and regular mixing or an indoor bokashi system or worm composter or electric composter will need to have the materials removed and somewhere for them to go when the process is complete)
 - Resources:
 - <https://www.scrd.ca/composting>
 - <https://www.rcbc.ca/resources/additional-resources-links/composting>
 - <https://compost.bc.ca/> - various [Factsheets](#) available about a dozen different types of composters
- Prepare for wildlife mitigation to ensure your compost option does not attract wildlife
 - Composting is a natural process and does not attract wildlife if maintained properly, review this guide for more information, including careful consideration of what will be composted and best practices for the chosen composter type <https://wildsafebc.com/learn/wildsafe-yard/> or <https://compost.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Factsheet-18-Vermin-Resistance.pdf>.
 - Planning to include the installation of wire mesh around the base of your chosen in ground composter will prevent rodents and small animals from burrowing
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