



# WHY COMPOST?



- Composting is an **inexpensive, natural process** that transforms your kitchen and garden waste into valuable food for your garden.
- It is **mandatory for all societies** formed after the year 2000 to compost organic waste, as per a ruling by the PMC.
- Composting is one way of getting an eco housing clearance where you can avail of a **5% rebate** on your property tax.
- Compost also **helps the environment** because it diverts food-scrap and kitchen waste away from landfill where it would decompose anaerobically (without air), thus producing methane, a greenhouse gas 20 times more dangerous than carbon dioxide.
- It costs next to nothing to compost, aside from the initial investment. In fact, if you have a garden your compost pile can **save you money** by reducing what you spend on fertilizer.

The first step towards composting is to **segregate your household waste**.

Dry waste is collected from your doorstep by the SWaCH collector.

The wet waste can easily be **composted at home** or **in the society compost pit**.

**Contact SWaCH if you want a compost unit at Home/ in your society/ School/ Office...**

For a small cost, a trained waste collector will maintain and manage your compost everyday.

A supervisor will also make visits to ensure that all is well.

Don't go by the rumour that compost attracts rodents and flies. Only compost done wrong smells or attracts vermin.

Contact us for any help in troubleshooting existing problems if already composting.

SWaCH Pune Seva Sahakari Sanstha Ltd. is a collection of self employed wastepickers that provides waste collection and management services. It is authorised by the Pune Municipal Corporation.

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