

COMPOSTING
AT A
COMMUNITY
LEVEL



WHY IT IS THE BEST SOLUTION

Tangible benefits

- The best possible way to recycle your kitchen waste.
- Save a precious resource from being wasted on roadsides & landfills.
- Become 60-65% independent of landfills.
- Save money on C&T through contractors.
- No worry if the contractor goes missing.
- Immune to strikes, road blockades or changing moods of governments...





- Deny support to the contractor mafia. Work towards a corruption-free system every day.
- Save money on fertilisers.
- Garden benefits from compost beyond measure.
- Soil enrichment becomes easy.
- Not contributing to soil or air or water pollution.
- A safe living space for yourself, your children, workforce & pets by shunning pesticides & chemical fertilisers.



IT ALL BEGINS
WITH
SEGREGATION
AT SOURCE



Intangible benefits

- An imitation of nature's own way recycling. You move closer to nature.
- When you succeed, it brings pride within the community. You become an example to others.
- Your children connect well with an environment where discussions involving self-sustainability dominate community gatherings.
- It also blends wonderfully with what they learn in their schools. No gap between theory and practice.

EFFECT OF GREEN INITIATIVES



- Aggregates as community knowledge. You are in fact teaching sustainability to the generations to come.
- A waste-conscious society begins to think organically in various other aspects like waste and power usage, organic gardening in individual homes.
- And, contribute to a healthy environment in the best possible manner.
- A guilt-free life!



DIFFERENT SOLUTIONS



In the open area



- The scene—as far as composting solutions is concerned—has changed significantly in the last two years. More solutions have hit the market.



- Solutions tackle space, budget constraints effectively.
- Some take less than month while others may need two months of turnaround period.
- Some fit in the basement, on the terrace, open space and a closed room.
- At Rs 100 one-time outgo per household in 100-unit-strong community or costlier ones.
- The choice is yours.



In the open area



In the basement



Anywhere with a roof on...





With a roof on...



For hotels, canteens...



Low-cost, traditional method





Vermi-composting.

- Most of the prominent methods have been documented in **ENDLESSLY GREEN** (www.savitahiremath.com). It's an open and free source of information with no commercial interest.



KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER WHILE CHOOSING A VENDOR

- Do due diligence and go for an eco-conscious vendor.
- Don't fall for fake/out-of-the-world claims: 24-hour fully automatic composting machines, etc.



Composting in 24 hours?



- Should not be power- or water-intensive.
- Should not be process & labour-intensive.
- A worthy end product.



WHAT YOU SHOULD GET

RICH
ORGANIC
MANURE
WHICH
LOOKS LIKE
TEA POWDER
AND SMELLS
LIKE EARTH.



SOME MYTHS ABOUT COMPOSTING

- It stinks! NO, it does not.
- It is difficult. Not all can do it. NO, it is easy. Everyone can do it.



Pathogens & diseases

- General precautions over hygiene inside compost unit is a must.
- But all those who compost aren't known to fall sick more often than who don't compost.



- Even developed countries with advanced technology and money have come back to composting after trying out various waste-to-energy & incineration methods.
- Many States in the US—Seattle, Vancouver, Virginia, San Francisco, etc—have made composting mandatory. Just months ago, Germany went for nation-wide composting.



THE
ULTIMATE
JOY!



