

Subsidised Composting and Worm Farming Equipment



The City of Canning is offering residents workshops and subsidies on composting and worm farming equipment, to help our community recover valuable resources and reduce the amount of organics sent to landfill.

Composting Equipment Subsidy

The City is offering residents a discount on the purchase of a compost bin, aerator, in-ground worm tube, bokashi bucket and/or bokashi mix. Note that there is a limit of two of the same equipment per household per financial year. This equipment is available for purchase at the Waste Transfer Station (81 Ranford Road, Canning Vale) with the following prices:

Equipment	Cost to Resident	RRP	Savings
Compost bin (220L)	\$25	\$55	\$30
Aerator	\$10	\$20.50	\$10.50
Bokashi bucket (20L)	\$40	\$89	\$49
Bokashi mix (1kg/4L)	\$5	\$10	\$5
In-ground worm tube (26L)*	\$15	\$39	\$24

*Worms and bedding not included

Worm Café Subsidy

The City is offering residents \$130 off the purchase of a Worm Café; therefore the subsidised price you need to pay is \$115. As Worm Cafés need special care and failure can occur without proper instruction, Worm Cafés are only available for purchase when attending a workshop.

For upcoming workshops visit canning.wa.gov.au/canningevents

Refer to the quick reference guide below to determine what equipment is right for you.

Quick Reference Guide

Equipment	Description
Compost bin	Ideal for homes or schools with an outdoor garden with some space as we recommend the twin bin method. Layer ‘green’ organic matter (fresh grass clippings, food and veggie scraps) with ‘brown’ matter (dried grass clippings, prunings and leaves). Keep warm, moist and aerated for efficient breakdown.
Aerator	For turning and mixing compost or turning bokashi into the ground.
Bokashi bucket	Ideal for apartments or homes with small gardens or workplaces. Takes all kitchen scraps including meat and dairy. You will need to add bokashi mix to ferment food. Produces a rich liquid that can be used as fertiliser or drain cleaner. Once full, contents can be buried into soil where it will break down further and add nutrients to your soil.
Worm Café	The Worm Café is made of recycled plastic and consists of four trays on legs with a tap. The package includes 1kg of worms (approx. 4,000), 15 litres of Castings and instruction booklet. Worms will work through most kitchen scraps, require a bit of attention and the Café is best set up in shade where it can remain moist.
In-ground worm tube	In-ground worm tubes are ideal for households with garden beds. With a worm tube, you’ll get many of the benefits of worm farming without the work of maintaining a Worm Café. The tube should be dug into a shady spot, with walls covered by soil. Ensure it can drain, and liquid can flow out of the bottom. It is recommended to add bedding before putting worms in the tube. <i>Worms and bedding are not included, residents have to purchase them separately.</i>

For further information regarding this subsidy, please contact the Strategic Waste Team on **1300 422 664** or waste@canning.wa.gov.au

