

Compost Network Guidelines

Purpose

This program is designed to connect individuals with local composters who graciously accept organic waste for composting. In addition to contributing to a healthier environment, participants also build meaningful connections with members of their community.

In delivering the Compost Network, Council is working on the following actions in the Sustainability Action Plan 2022-2025:

- Facilitate the sharing economy to reduce waste
- Investigate opportunities for shared community compost facilities

The program also contributes to the NSW target to halve the amount of organic waste to landfill by 2030.

The key benefits of the Compost Network are that neighbours can connect locally to reduce food waste going to landfill, successfully separate household food waste for composting and learn the benefits of compost on local gardens.

Background

Council's Sustainability staff have worked with volunteers from the Sustainability Collective to co-create the Compost Network. The long-term goal is to grow the network, enabling residents to have access to a local composting option to reduce organic waste in the red-lidded bin, whilst promoting awareness of food waste.

Participant Responsibilities

General

By registering with the Compost Network, you acknowledge and agree that:

- Council will provide support such as educational resources, workshops, and discounted composting equipment through Compost Revolution.
- You are solely responsible for the activities that you carry out as a participant of the Compost Network, including communicating with participants.
- When promoting the Compost Network to your neighbours, you will acknowledge Lane Cove Council.
- Council will provide support with complaint resolution. Participants may submit their feedback or complaint to sustainability@lanecove.nsw.gov.au. Council will reply within a reasonable amount of time and take reasonable action to resolve the complaint.
- The use of your personal information will be in accordance with [Council's Privacy Statement](#).

Host Obligations

The host understand and agrees that:

- You will attend an induction to learn about offering the composting service to your community.
- You will maintain the compost bins within your residential property.
- You will provide accurate information about your compost requirements, including Accepted Items and Drop Off instructions.
- You shall reply to messages from donors in a timely manner.
- You will notify donors and Council if your circumstances change in relation to the composting service.
- You will encourage other residents to join the program.

Donor Obligations

The donor understands and agrees that:

- You will not enter private property before acquiring owner's consent as required.
- You shall reply to messages from your Host in a timely manner.
- You will ensure that the food scraps provided to the Host, will be in accordance with any information or instruction provided by the Host (eg only scraps the Host can accept, in an agreed form and amount).
- You will ensure that your Donation will not contain any items that may cause issue or harm to the Host, their compost site, garden, animals, and/or other property.
- You will encourage other residents to join the program.

Definitions

Participant, You, Your	The registered user of the Compost Network
Host	A registered user of the Compost Network that may offer a composting service to the community on their residential property.
Donor	A registered user of the Compost Network that offers a Donation of food scraps to a Host.
Council	Refers to Lane Cove Council.
Guidelines	Means this document outlining the intent and delivery of the Compost Network program, and the responsibilities of participants of the Compost Network.
Donation	The food scraps that will be provided by the Donor to the Host to be processed in their residential compost system.
Drop Off	The delivery of food scraps from the Donor to the Host. The details of the Drop Off, including Accepted Items, packaging, preferred timing, and location must be agreed on by both the Donor and the Host.
Accepted Items	The materials that the Donor may provide to the Host, as defined by the Host and agreed by both parties, for example "food scraps excluding citrus and meat."

Enquiries

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