

# Where does your organic waste actually go after disposal?

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We all directly or indirectly deal with organic waste every single day. However, most of us never stop to think where the waste goes after it leaves our households. Everything we do, influences what happens in the future - so let's devote a couple of minutes to mindfully talk about the path your organic waste takes after leaving your home. This will help you take better decisions in the future.

The path your organic waste takes deeply depends on how you collected it. Therefore, please make sure to understand the COLLECT phase of the Bokashi Academy before moving on with this video. It's very important that you properly collect and separate all your waste before trying to process it.

If you use municipal containers to dispose of your organic waste, they are most likely emptied in landfills, which is the least preferable option. Sometimes waste is also being burned, which in the EU is, by the way, not even allowed. Perhaps you are wondering what's wrong with burning and land-filling. Well, for one, they both contribute to increasing greenhouse gas emissions, which are the leading problem of enhanced global warming that the planet is facing. Secondly, these outdated methods waste potential resources of organic waste. And moreover, in the case of landfilling, organic waste starts to rot, which can pollute soil, water, attract pests and other animals, and be the breeding ground for all sorts of diseases. In the USA, people throw their organic waste into sinks, which also pollutes water and the environment. And in other cases, organic waste is used as a resource for manufacturing shoes, textiles, etc.

Luckily, there is a more sustainable way available for processing organic waste. It's a 100% natural path, and it comes in the form of composting. By ensuring that your organic waste takes this route, you give your food scraps and other organic material a chance to become a resource for new life. Once the compost is ready, it provides nutrients and a protective microbiome for the plants.