

# How Community Composting connected people in France, Dubai and Ecuador

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Now that you know all three phases of the #bokashiloop, COLLECT, PROCESS, and USE, it is time to close the loop. And, while you can, in many cases, sufficiently manage your organic waste by yourself, especially if you have a garden, it turns out that to make a larger impact, especially in urban areas, community composting is the answer. So, why should you be interested in community composting? To make as much of a positive impact as possible.

Let's make sure we all know what community composting is. Just by knowing the meaning of the "community" and "composting" words, you probably have a rather good idea of the concept. So, if you think that community composting is all about people living in the same area, which can be as small as a single apartment building or as big as an entire town, a city, or even a region, organize their affairs so that they get the most out of their organic waste, you are correct.

By joining forces and focusing on the shared goal, which is to ensure that organic waste becomes a resource, communities can get amazing results. After all, the composting process is usually more efficient when greater amounts of organic waste are produced. However, if more people are to collaborate, a proper organization and certain infrastructure must be set. The best place to start is to connect with like-minded people. As such, we invite you to join our forum.

Moreover, before it can actually come to put things into motion, it is important to get all participants educated on the topic of responsible waste management. That way, people will understand why properly collecting, processing, and using organic waste is important. Just saying, but we think that the bokashi academy is the right option for those who are not familiar with this topic.

In community composting, the important thing is to ensure that compost is put to good use. To close the loop in the best possible way, the community would use this resource to produce organic food. Engaging local gardeners and farmers can ensure healthier and environmentally friendlier food production. In addition, by doing it locally, they also support the local community and avoid negative environmental impact associated with importing food.

By doing community composting, all included people benefit from it: they raise their awareness about the importance of responsible organic waste management. Even more, there are many environmental, community, and local government benefits. The local economy also benefits since more job training and jobs are available.

There are already several communities around the world efficiently practicing community composting. In The Sustainable City in Dubai, many community members have joined the initiative to use the bokashi method to start properly managing their organic waste. Of course, it will take some time to get everyone on board; however, the results are very promising. The Waste Lab is already successfully collecting bokashi bins and emptying them on a traditional composting pile. Once the compost is ready, The Waste Lab's team uses this resource to produce herbs and other plants within Sustainable Cities organically.

In Toulouse, France, a company called La Recycllette is also making progress. By using tricycles, they offer zero-emissions organic waste collection. Of course, part of their efforts revolves around onboarding people so that they start collecting organic waste properly. The properly collected organic waste is then transported to community composting sites.

As our final inspirational story, let's look at Biocompost. This Ecuador-based company is offering a holistic solution. People who join their program are provided with 15 or 20-liter bins, depending on their household needs. Users then collect their organic waste in those bins. Once a week, the Biocompost Ecuador team comes to users' homes to collect the full or half-full bins and exchange them with clean and empty ones. After three months, users get 9 kilograms of organic compost to use it for their needs.

What impressive stories, right? You see - being a part of the solution is not as complicated. You just need to take action right now and connect with other people who share your mindset. Our forum might help you with that.