

# How to use your FoodCycler by-product

## FERTILIZE YOUR GARDEN

Mix the by-product into your soil in your garden or potted plants like a fertilizer!

The minimum recommended ratio of by-product to soil is 1:10. If your by-product contains a lot of meat and/or dairy products, we recommend that you increase the ratio to 1:20.

For absolute best results, we recommend mixing in the by-product with the soil approximately 6 weeks prior to planting seeds or transplanting plants. This will allow the by-product to break down and properly nourish the soil.

## MUNICIPAL DROP-OFF

Contact your municipality and ask whether they offer an organics collection or drop-off program!

## STORING MY BY-PRODUCT

You can store the by-product indefinitely in a sealed container/bucket. The material will not degrade as long as it is kept dry! We recommend storing your by-product in a five gallon pail (like those from Home Depot), which can hold approximately three months' worth of by-product.

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## ADD TO YOUR COMPOSTER

Mix the by-product into your existing backyard composter - or give it to a friend who composts! Adding FoodCycler by-product will accelerate the composting process. We recommend that you only add the by-product to non-tumbling composters.

We also recommend using the by-product as a "green" compost element, incorporating the "brown" (or carbon) materials at the same ratio you normally would with regular food scraps. Your "brown" or carbon elements can be paper products or dead leaves.

## GIVE IT AWAY

Give the by-product to those of your family and/or friends who garden or compost. You could also donate it to a local farmer to use as fertilizer.

## THROW IT AWAY

The least preferable option is to put the by-product in the garbage. While not ideal, the by-product is still exponentially reduced in volume and liquid mass, and will contribute considerably less to waste landfill and associated emissions.

## WHAT ABOUT MOLD?

Mold indicates that your by-product has begun to break down in the soil - it's a good sign! If you're concerned about mold at any point you can simply sprinkle some cinnamon (a natural antibacterial) around the area of concern.

## ODOURS & ANIMALS

If you notice that your garden plot smells or shows evidence of attracting critters after incorporating your by-product, this indicates that the by-product is not properly mixed into the soil. Add more soil to the area and mix well.