



Home Composter Rebate Program Terms and Conditions

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) administers the Home Composter Rebate Program (the Program).

1. Property owners within the SCRD including Electoral Areas A, B, D, E, F, District of Sechelt, shíshálh Nation Government District or Town of Gibsons¹, are eligible. Tenants are not eligible and will need the property owner to apply on their behalf.
2. Composter must be installed at the eligible SCRD address on the application form.
3. Eligibility is based on a first come first served basis and subject to available funding.
4. Only the physical composter or materials to build a composter, up to \$100 per household, are eligible for a rebate. Additional costs for landscaping (e.g. ground fill, sod), compost inoculation (e.g. worms, microbes or bokashi bran), or installation fees are not eligible for the rebate.
5. To participate in the Program, property owners must:
 - a. Purchase and install a home composter within the same year as applying.
 - b. Submit a completed rebate application.
 - c. Include proof of payment of a home composter and photo(s) of completed installation with the application.
6. The SCRD will not be responsible for any late, lost, incomplete, illegible, misdirected, stolen, delayed, damaged, destroyed applications, or other failures or circumstances affecting, or disrupting, the submission of any applications.
7. In the event of an incomplete application, the SCRD may void the application if the property owner fails to respond within five (5) business days to all reasonable email inquiries by the SCRD with respect to properly completing the Application.
8. The property owner takes sole responsibility for the selection, purchase, installation and ownership/maintenance of the home composter system.

¹ The *Local Government Act* Section 273 states "a Board must not provide assistance to an industrial, commercial or business undertaking."

9. The property owner is responsible for complying with the BC Building Code and the administrative policies of the local building department. The property owner also certifies that appropriate building and development permits are completed, if required.
10. The property owner is responsible for complying with zoning regulations, specifically setbacks as well as development permit areas contained within official community plans of the local planning department.
11. The SCRD reserves the right to change or terminate the Program and these Terms and Conditions at any time without notice including but not limited to: Program eligibility criteria, dates, and rebate amounts funded by SCRD.
12. By applying for this rebate, the property owner acknowledges that the SCRD may contact the Property Owner in the future to participate in a questionnaire regarding this Program.

For questions regarding the SCRD Home Composter Rebate Pilot Program please call 604 885 6806 or email infrastructure@scrd.ca. More information is available at www.scrd.ca/composting.

Home Composter Rebate Program Best Practices

When planning to buy a home composter, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) recommends the following:

Choose a home composter/composting system that will work for the items you wish to compost in the quantities you plan to generate.

- Consider the location where you can promote a productive composting system (e.g. some composter options require plenty of sun and good draining soil to be productive).
- Consider the time, space or physical requirements of your composter choice as it will be something that you will need to maintain year-round (e.g. a traditional home composter needs sun, moisture and regular mixing or an indoor bokashi system or worm composter or electric composter will need to have the materials removed and somewhere for them to go when the process is complete).
- Resources:
 - <https://www.scrd.ca/composting>
 - <https://www.rcbc.ca/resources/additional-resources-links/composting>
 - <https://compost.bc.ca/> - various [Factsheets](#) available about different types of composters and composting systems

Prepare wildlife mitigation measures to help prevent your composter from attracting wildlife.

- Composting is a natural process and does not become a food source if maintained properly. Review these guides for more information, including careful consideration of what will be composted and best practices for the chosen composter type <https://wildsafebc.com/learn/wildsafe-yard/> and <https://compost.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Factsheet-18-Vermin-Resistance.pdf>.
- Consider the installation of wire mesh around the base of your chosen in-ground composter to prevent rodents and small animals from burrowing.

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