

# HOW TO USE YOUR FOODCYCLER™ BY-PRODUCT

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Thank you for joining The Municipality of South Dundas in fighting food waste by participating in the FoodCycler™ Food Waste Diversion Pilot Program. There are many ways to use the organic by-product from your FoodCycler™ inside and outside of your home.

## FERTILIZE YOUR GARDEN

*In the spring, approximately 6 weeks prior to planting seeds or transplanting plants, mix the by-product into your soil in your garden 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.*

*Make sure to mix the organic by-product in well, this will allow the by-product to break down and properly nourish the soil.*



## ADD TO YOUR COMPOSTER

*Mix the by-product into your existing backyard composter - or give it to a friend who composts!*

*Adding the 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.*

## FERTILIZE YOUR HOUSEPLANTS

*Composting is the ultimate solution for feeding your houseplants. Why? Because it mimics how they get nutrients in the wild.*

*When potting a new houseplant or transplanting existing plants, mix the by-product into your soil like a fertilizer. You'll want to mix about an inch of compost into your plant's pot once or twice per year.*

*The result is that your new and existing plants keep growing and thriving.*

## 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.*

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## STORING THE 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.*

## ODOURS AND 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.*