

The Easiest Composting System Every Gardener Should Know About

Bokashi composting is the simplest and most effective composting technique on the planet, yet it remains mostly undiscovered by the majority of folks. The main reason is that for the most part people are not aware of the many incredible benefits.

With bokashi composting there is:

NO turning!

NO sorting!

NO calculating browns and greens!

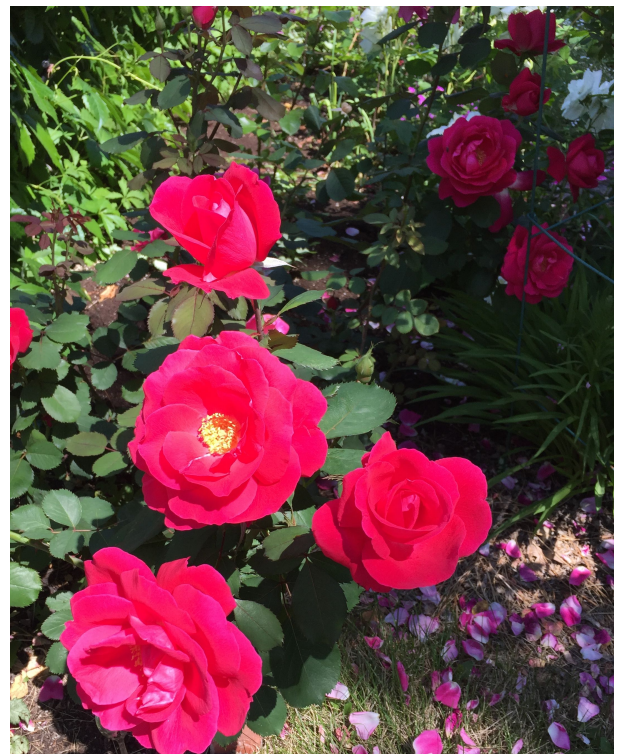
There is nothing that can not be broken down in the bokashi bin. You can put in meats and dairy as long as you follow a few simple rules to aid in their breakdown.

What are the benefits of bokashi composting? In a nutshell, **“I consider it as superfood for the soil”** says soil consultant Bernice Kadatz. The consortia or group of microorganisms that are resident in the bokashi bin are extremely beneficial for the soil and sadly mostly absent from our soils.

Bokashi Composting mimics a natural process. There is nowhere in nature where thermal composting is found naturally. Thermal composting is a man-made process to handle large volumes of waste. Thermal composting can be very labor intensive and has many traps or pitfalls for the backyard gardener. Bokashi composting on the other hand is simple with very few rules.

The Bokashi Composting process is actually a new name for a agricultural practice that has been used around the world for millennia by many cultures. The Korean’s use a variation of this process in their Natural Farming System that is gaining popularity world wide. Ancient cultures from the Amazon also used this technique to create the most productive soils in the world known as the Terra Preta soils.

The Camrose Railway station has been implementing the Bokashi Composting system at both the Camrose Railway Museum as well as at the Native Prairie Rehabilitation project at the Meeting Creek site with amazing results. According to Glenys Smith, Railway station gardening guru the roses in the railway garden were simply magnificent in 2017 and she recognizes bokashi composting system as a major contributor.



On April 21, 2018 Bernice Kadatz, of Eywa Remediation will be conducting a Bokashi Composting workshop in collaboration with the Canadian Northern Society at the Camrose Railway Station. The workshop has been structured to accommodate two levels of participation, a one and a half hour lecture (plus Q & A) to describe the bokashi composting system and followed by a hands-on component for those wishing to implement the system. The cost for the workshop is as follows:

- lecture only - \$35
- lecture and hands-on bokashi composting component (includes 5kg of Wheat bran compost inoculum) - \$70

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