

## Using Your Food Waste Composter

### How To Use The Food Waste Composter

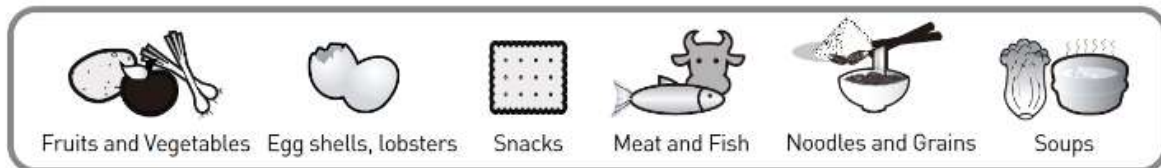
- Ensure the unit is plugged in and switched on at the wall.
- Simply open the lid, pour the food in, and close the lid again. You can do this whenever and as often as you wish. You do not need to wait for food to finish composting before topping up.
- Once the lid is closed, the unit will automatically continue operation. Over time, the paddles will rotate, the unit will heat up, and the fan will operate automatically to help accelerate the composting process. The unit may emit steam during this time when the lid is opened.

### What You Can Compost

Basically you can compost anything that you can eat, cooked or raw, including:

- Meat and fish
- Small bones such as fish and chicken bones
- Fruit and vegetables
- Egg shells and most seafood shells such as lobster and mussel shells
- Bread, crackers, grain foods
- Fast foods
- Dairy foods

To obtain optimum results chop up larger pieces of food to allow the food to compost more quickly.



### What You Should NOT Compost

Avoid placing hard food items in the composter such as:

- Large bones
- Oyster or scallop shells

Do not compost:

- Waste Cooking Oils
- Waste Cooking Fats

Also, you should not compost non-food material, even if it is biodegradable, such as:

- Medicines
- Wood (eg chopsticks, matches)
- Paper or cigarettes
- Cloth

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## Understanding The Control Panel



### Power Indicator

The power lamp will remain on while the machine is plugged in and switched on at the wall.

When you open the lid, the power lamp will start flashing and the paddles will stop turning.



### Power Saving Mode Indicator

The composter will enter Power-Saving mode once the decomposition process has been completed or the decomposer has not been used for a while.



### Operation Indicator

This lamp indicates that the unit is actively composting material. During this time, the paddles will automatically rotate from time to time.



### Check Indicator

This indicator lamp will flash with an alarm sound when the unit is overloaded, or an un-decomposable material has been placed in the tank. If this occurs, simply unplug the unit and remove the foreign material or excess food. When you close the lid, the composter will resume normal operation once it is plugged back in and switched on at the wall.



### Check Button

The Check button is used as a manual override to break up large food items.

**Ensure your fingers are completely away from the inside of the unit.**

Open the lid and keep the Check button depressed. After 3 seconds, all four controls panel indicators will start blinking, an alarm will sound and the paddles will start rotating to break up larger food items.

As soon as you lift your finger from the Check button, the paddles will stop.

## If Excess Water Develops In The Tank

Occasionally, excess liquid will collect in the tank. The unit is designed to get rid of moisture over time. Simply do not put any further waste into the unit until the moisture has dissipated.

## Switching Off Oklin Composter

Oklin's Composter is designed for continual use and does not need to be switched off unless being left for an extended period of time.

When composting is complete, the unit will automatically switch to power save mode.

In this mode, the paddles will operate from time to time to ensure that the compost does not harden.

If the unit is switched off at the wall, and the paddles are not operating, it is possible that the compost will harden. This may cause damage to the unit and prevent further use.

If the unit is being left unused for an extended period of time and you wish to turn the power off, please follow these precautions:

- Ensure no un-composted food is evident.
- Ensure at least 24 hours has passed since the last amount of food waste was loaded.
- Remove all compost from the machine.
- Reserve a \*minimum amount in an airtight plastic container.

\*The minimum amount (10 litres) is the volume between the horizontal paddle shaft and the bottom of the tank.

**To restart the unit:**

- Load the previously reserved compost into
- the composter. Take care to break up any pieces that may have hardened.
- Add 1–2 litres of cold or warm water and switch the unit on at the wall.
- Wait 24 hours.
- Start adding food waste gradually, adding only up to 1kg of food waste per day during the first week. Follow the instructions on page 6 of the Operating Manual, “Setting Up For First Time Use” to gradually increase the daily amount of food waste deposited each week.