

# Bokashi Bin Troubleshooting

| PROBLEM                          | CAUSES                                                       | SOLUTIONS                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Bokashi Bin smells bad</b>    | Not enough Bran -- causes waste to purify instead of ferment | Add more bran                                                                                                                               |
|                                  | Too much of one food type                                    | Add balanced mix of food scraps                                                                                                             |
|                                  | Failed air-tight seal                                        | Ensure proper seal                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Maggots or insects</b>        | Failed air-tight seal                                        | Bury the contents and start over                                                                                                            |
| <b>White mold is forming</b>     | Conditions are correct                                       | White mold is common and indicates healthy fermentation                                                                                     |
| <b>Blue or black mold</b>        | Too much liquid                                              | For a little mold, remove excess liquid, ensure proper seal, and continue to monitor.<br>For a lot of mold, discard contents and start over |
|                                  | Improper air-tight seal                                      |                                                                                                                                             |
|                                  | Moldy food was added                                         |                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Insufficient moisture</b>     | Added food material does not contain a lot of moisture       | Add a bit of water -- the contents should not be soggy                                                                                      |
| <b>No fermentation happening</b> | Not enough Bran                                              | Add Bran                                                                                                                                    |
|                                  | Improper temperature                                         | Ensure ambient temperature stays between 70° and 75° F                                                                                      |

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