

BOKASHI GLOSSARY

Term	Definition
Bokashi	a process that converts food waste into soil amendments through fermentation
Bokashi Bran	a mix of bacteria, yeast, and dried organic material used to breakdown food waste
Compost	a dark, crumbly, living soil amendment
Composting	the controlled decomposition of organic materials -- it is an oxygen-requiring process mediated by organisms, especially microorganisms
Decomposition	the break down of organic materials through chemical and biological processes
Density	the weight of compost that is contained in a known volume (it helps us determine how “compact” a material is)
Fermentation	the chemical breakdown of material by bacteria, yeast, and other microorganisms in a low-oxygen environment (it is used to make wine, beer, and pickles)
Greenhouse gases	gases in the Earth’s atmosphere that trap heat and contribute to global climate change
Leachate	the nutrient-rich liquid that forms as a result of fermentation (this liquid can, and should, be removed from the Bokashi bin through the Bokashi bin faucet)

