



Green Cone Digester Program

The Bluewater Recycling Association is pleased to announce the re-introduction of the Green Cone Digester.

Why a Green Cone Digester?

The Green Cone is a completely natural system that reduces your food waste to its natural components of water, carbon dioxide and a small residue. This solar-heated unit takes ALL cooked and uncooked food waste including meat, fish, bones, dairy products, vegetables and fruit. Put all your food waste into your Green Cone, situated in a sunny part of your garden, and forget about it - almost everything disappears!

The Benefits

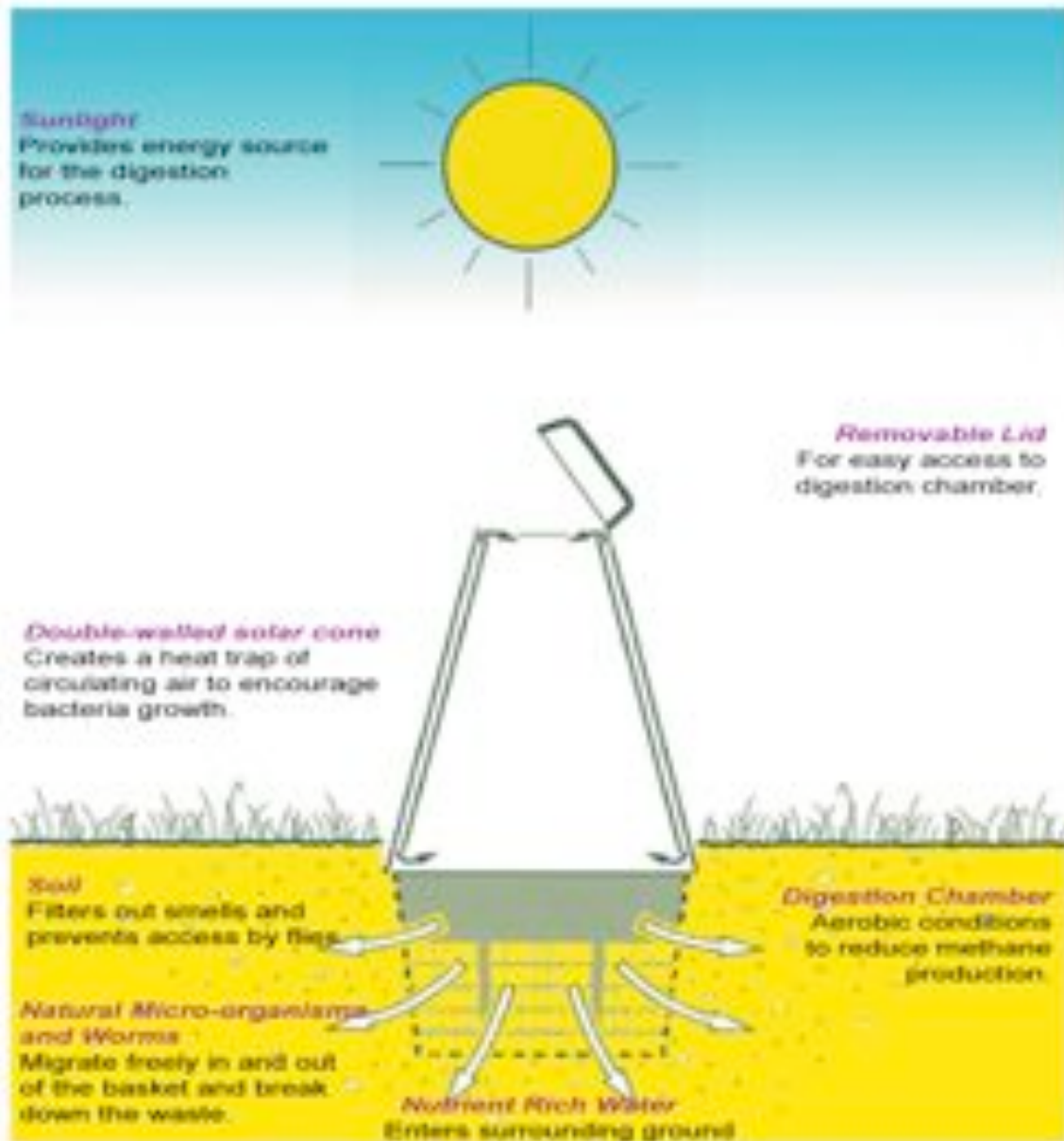
Waste food can be disposed of cleanly and quickly, before it becomes smelly. With no food waste in your garbage bags your other waste is drier and lighter. Safe for you, your pets and your plants. It's easy to set up and maintain. Saves up to 33% of household waste having to be collected.



Differences Between a Green Cone and Traditional Composter.

Traditional home composting is an excellent way of recycling garden waste back into the soil. However, unlike a Green Cone, a garden composter is not suitable for recycling many types of food waste, including cooked vegetables, pasta, meat, bones, dairy products and also pet feces. The Green Cone has been designed to break down these materials in a safe way. The waste is digested rather than composted and is primarily reduced to water. This nutrient rich water enters the soil under the base of the digestion unit. Very little waste residue is produced by a well operating Green Cone and, unlike traditional composters, there is no need to manually turn the waste.

How the Green Cone Works



Over 90% of the waste material in your Green Cone will be absorbed as water by the soil.

Maintenance

Your Green Cone needs very little maintenance. It is important to ensure that the top of the basket and the bottom lip of the outer green cone are below ground level and always fully covered with soil. In a well operating Green Cone very little waste residue will be produced. Should the residue build-up to ground level and not decrease, the cones can be removed to access the basket. The residue can be dug into any suitable area of ground.

Green Cone Kitchen Caddy

The Green Cone is supplied with a convenient caddy that can be kept in your kitchen to reduce the number of trips you make to your Green Cone. Throughout the day food waste can be put into the caddy before it is taken to your Green Cone. The lid of the caddy contains a filter to reduce food waste smells in your kitchen.

The Green Cone is designed to handle the following amount of waste.

1 full caddy every 1-2 days during summer (March - September)

1 full caddy every 2-3 days during winter (November - February)

Remember to add Accelerator Powder during the winter months.

Accelerator Powder

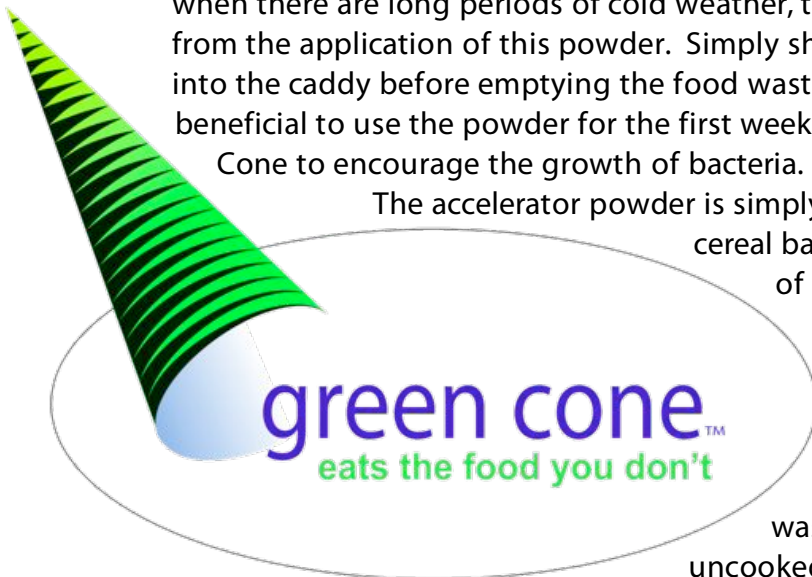
Your Green Cone is supplied with accelerator powder and an application jar. Where the Green Cone is situated in a position that does not enjoy a full days sunshine, or when there are long periods of cold weather, the digestion process may benefit from the application of this powder. Simply shake a small amount of the powder into the caddy before emptying the food waste into the Green Cone. It is also beneficial to use the powder for the first week after the installation of the Green Cone to encourage the growth of bacteria.

The accelerator powder is simply a mixture of natural bacteria on a cereal base that ensures a healthy population of safe bacteria to keep your Green Cone working efficiently.

Dealing with Waste

The Green Cone is an integral part of dealing with your household waste. It takes your cooked and uncooked kitchen food waste, including:

meat, fish, bones, dairy products, vegetables, fruit, peelings, etc. The only exceptions are bulk amounts of food related materials that require a very long time to breakdown, namely: cooking oil/fat and the hard shells of nuts and seafood, such as oysters and crabs.



What can go in

Fish, Red Meat & Poultry
All Bones and Bread
Fruit including peelings
Vegetables including peelings
Dairy produce
Cooked food scraps
Crushed egg shells
Tea bags
Animal excrement



What is the Association Offering?

We have been able to secure a special purchase with the manufacturer that allows us to offer the Green Cone at a special price of \$80 for the whole kit which includes the digester, the kitchen caddy, and accelerator powder.



When is the program available?

The program is available now. The first units will be available by November 1, 2007. Like composters and blue boxes, members can take orders locally and we will deliver the units to you.