



VERMICOMPOSTING: A BRILLANT IDEA!

Did you know that nearly 40 to 45% of garbage waste is compostable? If they are not composted, the bio-waste is sent to landfills where it will very slowly decompose while releasing acid water. This landfilling phenomenon presents a potentially major problem for ground and surface water pollution. (*Ministère de l'environnement du Québec, 2000*).

Ecologically and economically speaking, the composting of bio-waste is a good and profitable alternative. Many residents of Baie-D'Urfé practice composting, but some are maybe unaware of the vermicomposting technique that requires little space and can be practiced indoors.

The technique consists of placing in a container, vermicompost organic worms that feed on organic waste (different from earth worms that aerate the soil). After a digestive phase, the worms release an odor-free substance called vermicompost, a rich plant nutrient. It improves aeration, soil structure and increases water retention. Outside and inside plants that benefit from vermicompost, are more productive and generally more resistant to diseases.

Are you interested in vermicomposting?

Visit the *Environment* section of our website in *THE TOWN* tab to learn more on how to build your own vermicomposting bin or how to obtain one from Quebec companies who specialize in this equipment.

Enjoy composting!

Vermicomposting: Practical Guide

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