



# Compost Bin and Worm Farm Subsidy Voucher

Valid May 1 to June 11, 2010

**The participating retailers are:** Seymour Timber & Hardware, Broadford Timber & Hardware, Kilmore Mitre 10, Kilmore Home Timber & Hardware, Silkie Gardens Kilmore (Bokashi Bins) Wyndywood Worm Farm Kilmore (worm farms only), WB Hunter Euroa, True Value Hardware Euroa, Saville's Plumbing & Hardware Euroa and Violet Town Rural & Hardware.

Retailer's stamp

Full Name.....

Street Address.....

Town.....Postcode.....

Contact phone number.....Mobile.....

Email Address.....

Compost Bin purchased: Yes  No  Price.....

Worm Farm purchased: Yes  No  Price.....

Participating Retailer:.....

Note: The subsidy is 50% of total price paid with a maximum subsidy of \$25 on compost bins and \$50 on worm farms for residents of Mitchell and Strathbogie Shires. Offer valid from May 1 to June 11 or until vouchers run out. One compost bin or worm farm per household. Worms not covered in this subsidy.

Electronic Funds Transfer

**Bank Details for Electronic Funds Transfer**

Account Name:.....

Bank Name:..... Branch:.....

BSB Number:..... Account Number:.....

**Declaration**

I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, all information above is true and correct and authorise the Mitchell Shire Council to directly deposit funds into the above account.

Name: (please print).....Contact No:.....

Signature:..... Date:.....

**Feedback**

How did you hear about the Compost Bin and Worm Farm Subsidy?

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 Would you like to receive information about the upcoming Sustainable Communities Program Workshops? Yes/No

**Post this Stamped Voucher with your Receipt to:**

Cathy Koning  
 Sustainable Communities Coordinator c/- Mitchell Shire Council 113 High Street, Broadford 3658.Tel: 5734 6357 E: [cathyk@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:cathyk@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au)



## HOW THE COMPOSTING & WORM FARM SUBSIDY WORKS

**As part of the Sustainable Communities Program, Mitchell and Strathbogie Shire Councils are offering residents up to 50% subsidy on compost bins and worm farms purchased from May 1 to June 11, 2010. This subsidy provides an opportunity to become part of the wonderful world of composting or to learn about a new kind of small-scale farming – worm farming!**

Household waste in landfill emits powerful greenhouse gasses, especially methane. On a national level each year Australians generate 8.4 million tonnes a year in organic materials most of which could easily be composted. If every resident recycled their kitchen scraps and garden waste, the amount of material going to local refuse sites would reduce by a massive 46% by volume.

It doesn't make sense to buy food just to throw it away in the bin, or fill up the rubbish bin with garden cuttings. Here is your chance to put a valuable resource to good use at a very low cost. Adding compost to your garden encourages strong plant growth and helps the soil retain water. Meanwhile, the worms are working tirelessly, turning your fruit and vegetable scraps into a marvellously rich soil conditioner. The by product of worm farms, known as 'worm tea,' and the worm castings are an excellent natural fertiliser.

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The Compost Bin and Worm Farm Subsidy will run for 6 weeks from May 1 or until vouchers have sold out. A voucher is required and will be available from the Mitchell and Strathbogie Shire websites, municipal libraries, customer service centres and from participating retailers. There is a limit of one compost bin or worm farm per household and actual worms are not covered by the subsidy.

Purchase your compost bin or worm farm, have the voucher stamped by the retailer and send the voucher within seven days, with receipt attached, attention to: Cathy Koning Sustainable Communities Coordinator c/- Mitchell Shire Council 113 High Street Broadford 3658. The rebate will be reimbursed and is capped at \$25 for compost bins and \$50 for worm farms

**Free composting workshops will be running in spring as part of the Sustainable Communities Program. Workshop participants will receive all the tips they need to create and maintain a healthy compost or worm farm.**

For further details or to register your interest in participating in a workshop please contact Cathy Koning, Sustainable Communities Coordinator Phone 5734 6357 or email [cathyk@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:cathyk@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au)