



Extending product  
life cycles\*



Fact sheet:

# Composting



## What it means to choose a Green Star product

Products marked with the Green Star are designed to help customers identify items within our ranges with a focus on reducing environmental impacts. Customers can use the information provided to filter and understand more about the products they're interested in or have purchased.

### Why composting matters

Composting enables customers to convert many waste materials from their own garden and from food to be converted into soil conditioner that can be used in the garden. As well as vegetable peelings, grass clippings and even cardboard can be added to compost. The agency WRAP estimates that a UK household could compost 150kg of its organic waste every year. The resulting soil conditioner can help to improve your soil.

## Criteria 1:

### How we assess Green Star products

Before assessment, every Green Star product must meet:

- All relevant legal requirements
- All Kingfisher policy requirements

[You can access the Kingfisher policies here.](#) These include Human Rights, Supply Chain Workplace Standards and Sustainable Packaging.

Products are also checked against a Watch List. The watch list contains several criteria or features, relevant to the product type, that if present disqualify the product from being marked with a Green Star. The relevant Watch List can be found at the end of this factsheet. The Watch List is reviewed and revised annually.



Life cycle assessments have not been completed for every Green Star product, but by employing policies and the Watch List Criteria in Kingfisher's Sustainable Home Product Guidelines, many factors in the life cycle of a product are considered.

The Green Star 'Composting' assessment focuses on the in-use phase of the product's life cycle as it can help address end-of-life phase issues for a number of materials.

## Criteria 2:

### Green Star programme entry



The criteria for composting is:

- Products that make home composting easier including:
  - Composters, compost bins
  - Bokashi Bins
  - Wormeries
- Please note that the following products are not included:
  - Compost activator chemicals.
  - Bin liners and other products sold as being "compostable". Studies have shown that these often take much longer to compost in a garden situation than expected.

**Providing Criteria 1 and 2 have been met, a product can be marked with the Green Star.**

### Reviewing and confirming Green Star status

- ✓ All products nominated and that meet criteria 1 and 2 are assessed internally by our sustainability team and submitted to NGO Bioregional for external validation.
- ✓ Once the external review is conducted, the product can then be confirmed and marked with the Green Star.
- ✓ A full review is conducted annually to ensure all products continue to meet the selection criteria.

To find out more about NGO Bioregional, [click here](#)

### Watch List Criteria relevant to controlling energy in home

This criteria lists features or aspects of products that make them unsuitable to be marked with the Green Star:

- ✗ Any products made from recycled plastics where safety of the plastic cannot be demonstrated.
- ✗ Product with components made from paper or wood that do not meet Kingfisher's Forest Positive policy.
- ✗ Products containing palm oil, cotton, rubber or leather with no evidence that the materials have been responsibly sourced
- ✗ Products where the packaging contains PVC or expanded polystyrene.

