

Best for Bokashi: SCD Probiotics All Seasons 5 Gallon Black Compost Bin Starting Kit with Bokashi Bran



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What We Like

- Easy to start composting
- Results within 4 weeks
- Built-in spigot
- Produces "compost tea" for plants

What We Don't Like

- Resulting material must be re-composted

One of the most recent innovations in composting is also one of the best for beginners because it requires no assembly of a complex container system. Bokashi—Japanese for "fermented organic matter"—composting refers to [adding an inoculant to food scraps](#) to accelerate composting. You just empty your table scraps into the 5-gallon bin, sprinkle some of the included Bokashi starter material on top, and close the lid tight.

This system from SCD includes a 5-gallon bin, which is small compared with other outdoor composters. But it is designed with the necessary elements for Bokashi composting: a tight lid, as well as a spigot to drain off the so-called "Bokashi tea," the liquid that results from the composting process, which you can use to fertilize houseplants.

While the manufacturer positions this product for indoor use, we strongly recommend you use it outdoors. The Bokashi process is anaerobic (using no oxygen), which [can promote greater incidence of odor](#). Also, we have noted that it can take a large amount of the starter material to completely break down some foods such as meat and fish.

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