



Kelowna Capital News - Lifestyles

TEXT [] []

0 COMMENTS

EMAIL LETTER PRINT FOLLOW SHARE

Burnett: New composting concept a sealed process that takes up little space

By [Don Burnett - Kelowna Capital News](#)
Published: July 20, 2010 6:00 PM
Updated: July 21, 2010 12:12 PM

I had an interesting guest on my radio show last Saturday and he enlightened me on breaking down organic matter using anaerobic processes.

What this means is composting without oxygen, which is the opposite of what we normally do in our compost bins in the garden.

This is a sealed process consisting of a pair of five-gallon buckets that take very little space.

Once the first bucket is filled it is sealed tight so no oxygen can enter and the process to "pickle" anything from vegetable matter to meat and bones takes as little as a week's time.

Meanwhile, you start filling the second bucket and mix the processed contents of the first with your garden soil and watch it disappear in short order.

A tea can be drained off the spigot at the bottom of the bucket for use as a fertilizer for garden and container plants.

The system is called Bokashicycle and along with the kitchen waste process they have a separate system for pet waste.

If you have a garden and a pet—either a dog or cat or both—then this is an ideal way to go.

The Bokashicycle pet waste recycling system takes the pooh and turns it into a wonderful nutrient blend for the flower and shrub beds.

For more info on the two systems go to www.Bokashicycle.com or drop in to Bylands Garden Centre or Buckersfields, as they both carry the Bokashicycle products.

...

My wife Donna and I had a wonderful time last Sunday as guests at the Bonsai Club summer get together.

It was held at Stan and Florence Taneda's beautiful garden.

We thank them so much for the wonderful time and it was so nice to see and visit with my good friend Joe, a mentor to many bonsai enthusiasts.

...

When it comes to successful gardening it is imperative to have good soil.

Good soil does not necessarily mean it has to be dark in colour although this is usually a good indicator there is plenty of organic matter.

Invest in Real Estate

investinrealestate.com

Today's market conditions present unparalleled opportunity, we're here to guide you.

[Learn More](#)

www.investinrealestate.com Ads by Google

RECOMMEND ON FACEBOOK

Be the first of your friends to recommend this.

OTHERS ALSO READ...

- [Burnett: Cap News columnist ready to share his gardening expertise](#)
- [Urban gardening concept introduced to Kelowna](#)
- [Burnett: Family road to Kelowna started back east](#)
- [Burnett: Master gardener program offers more than just theory](#)
- [City slashes prices on compost](#)
- [Concept stun Stallions](#)
- [Surveyors stop Concept](#)
- [Controls lock up Concept](#)

BCLocalbiz.com

Promotions in Vancouver

\$59.88 Oil & Filter Service
by Burrard Acura
07/12/2010 - 07/12/2011

[QUICKVIEW](#)

\$48.88 Oil & Filter Change
by Carter Honda
07/12/2010 - 07/12/2011

[QUICKVIEW](#)

Free Hair Cut with a \$60 Colour
by Chop Shop Granville
08/04/2010 - 07/07/2011

[QUICKVIEW](#) [SCROLL: \[\] \[\]](#)

Business Search

What (type a keyword or listing name)

Where (Address, City, Province or Postal Code)

Vancouver, BC

[SEARCH](#)

BC Wild Fire Watch

BC DAILY BUZZ Follow us on twitter

2007 TOYOTA Camry HYBRID

BCLocalHomes.com HOME SEARCH

- [3 bedroom\(s\), 1 bath\(s\), Kamloops](#), \$300,000
- [5 bedroom\(s\), 2 bath\(s\), Comox Valley](#), \$300,000
- [West Vancouver, \\$300,000](#)
- [2 bedroom\(s\), 2 bath\(s\), Penticton](#), \$300,000
- [3 bedroom\(s\), 1 bath\(s\), Kamloops](#), \$300,000
- [Fernie](#), \$301,455

Our Okanagan soil is often light in colour and still produces great crops year after year.

The key to good soil is its texture.

There is a simple test you can do to determine if you have loam, clay loam or clay.

Further you can determine from this "feel" test the sand content of each category.

For example if it is determined you have a clay loam, is it sandy or silty clay loam.

Once you have discovered what type of soil you have you can amend it to improve its texture if it is needed.

Sometimes soil looks just awful but by using this simple test you can find out just what it needs to grow great plants.

Texture is not the only thing to be concerned about; pH is very important as is organic content, however, I believe texture is the first thing to address.

If you wish to have a copy of an information sheet called Soil Texture by Feel, email me at don@thegardenexpert.com.

Tune in to The Don Burnett Garden Show on the new AM 1150 News Talk Sports Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m.

Ads by Google

Food Scraps for Plants

No more Stinky Garbage Reduce Greenhouse Gases

www.BokAshiCycle.com

Compost Tumbler on Sale

Huge Online Inventory Lowest Prices Save 25-50% on Compost Tumbler!

WholesaleGardeningCenter.com

Free worm special

Composters, Coconut Coir, Worms and Rain Barrels

www.naturalhomesolution.com

Is Your Bank In Trouble?

Free list Of Banks Doomed To Fail. The Banks and Brokers XList. Free!

www.MoneyAndMarkets.com

TEXT [+]

0 COMMENTS

EMAIL LETTER PRINT FOLLOW SHARE

COMMENTS

COMMENTING ETIQUETTE: To encourage open exchange of ideas in the BCLocalNews.com community, we ask that you follow our guidelines and respect standards. Personal attacks, offensive language and unsubstantiated allegations are not allowed. More on etiquette...

Input fields for comment

Input fields for comment

Comments for this page are closed.

Showing 0 comments

Sort by Newest first [dropdown] [Subscribe by email] [Subscribe by RSS]

Reactions

Wormexpert 2 weeks ago

From Twitter via BackType One more retweet from 1stGardening

New composting concept a sealed process that takes up little space: What this means is composting without oxygen, ... http://bit.ly/d2I36I

brownthumbgirl 2 weeks ago

From Twitter via BackType

New composting concept a sealed process that takes up little space http://bit.ly/bC3aYX

Trackback URL http://disqus.com/forum



RICE TOYOTA COURTESY

Navigation and search area with links for 'more homes', 'BC jobnetwork', 'JOB SEARCH', 'more jobs', and a search box with a 'GO' button.

Expedia advertisement: 'Get the best price on every trip—guaranteed!' with a 'Learn more' link and the Expedia logo.

Navigation bar with logos for bcclassified.com, flyerland.ca, BCLocalHomes.com, and BC jobnetwork.

RECENT COMMENTS

- Recent comments list: Maria 1965 (Very tragic. At 40 years old you'd think they would have known better. All it takes is one split second and it is over. BCLocalNews.com - Three people killed in early-morning crash · 11 minutes ago), Marie (ye its been like that since I was small. many mud slides, rock slides, avalanches. its a pristine area and should be left as is. BCLocalNews.com - People reportedly trapped under landslide near Pemberton · 43 minutes ago), candycanelan... (C.rap, just drove through there. BCLocalNews.com - People reportedly trapped under landslide near Pemberton · 2 hours ago), John N (Keep fighting to get rid of Abbotsford Airport - a huge source of air

contamination.

BCLocalNews.com - Metro vote 'disrespects' Fraser Valley, says Chilliwack mayor · 2 hours ago



• **Natalie Jewell** "Above all, stop believing their claims that you are the source and cause of their unhappiness." is what I will take from this article because it is so true. For any one reading this who hasn't...

BCLocalNews.com - Mental Health Matters: Are you trying to cope with a narcissist? · 5 hours ago

Recommendations

Login You need to be logged into Facebook to see your friends' recommendations

http://www.bclocalnews.com/okanagan_simil
17 people shared this.



Fatal crash at Port Mann road construction site in Surrey
8 people shared this.



Sooke News Mirror - Old-growth grove could be under the axe
7 people shared this.

Facebook social plugin

MOST READ STORIES

MOST READ IN BC THIS WEEK

- [Pistol dropped off with dirty laundry](#)
Prince George Free Press • Aug-03-2010
- [Veas acquire Bulldogs' MacMillan](#)
Penticton Western News • Aug-04-2010
- [Kelowna's Stewart Centre inferno leaves toxic trail](#)
Kelowna Capital News • Jul-31-2010
- [iPhone 4: You buying it?](#)
Rossland News • Aug-04-2010
- [Did robbery precede fatal shooting?](#)
Kamloops This Week • Jul-30-2010
- [Six dead in Sunday crash on Trans-Canada near Golden](#)
Revelstoke Times Review • Aug-02-2010
- [Vigil for Langley woman murdered in Abbotsford](#)
Abbotsford News • Aug-02-2010
- [Crash near Golden kills six](#)
Golden Star • Aug-02-2010
- [Fire at Soda Creek flares up](#)
Williams Lake Tribune • Aug-04-2010
- [Dog Creek fire 6,200 ha](#)
100 Mile House Free Press • Aug-03-2010

MOST READ IN BC LAST WEEK

- [Police name 3 of 4 crash victims](#)
Revelstoke Times Review • Jul-23-2010
- [Tradition resonates for Gorges](#)
Kelowna Capital News • Jul-22-2010
- [Cyclist dies after accident on Highway 1 in Abbotsford](#)
Abbotsford News • Jul-27-2010
- [Abbotsford records third murder of the year](#)
Abbotsford News • Jul-28-2010
- [Summerland woman dies in car crash](#)
Penticton Western News • Jul-24-2010
- [Beer floods into Vernon street after Okanagan Spring explosion](#)
Vernon Morning Star • Jul-22-2010
- [UPDATE: WorkSafe won't cover injured crane operator](#)
Victoria News • Jul-28-2010
- [Man killed in head-on with semi near Revelstoke](#)
Revelstoke Times Review • Jul-21-2010
- [Fire burning at 140 Mile House](#)
Williams Lake Tribune • Jul-28-2010
- [Port Alberni teens facing charges after \\$50,000 vandalism binge](#)
Alberni Valley News • Jul-25-2010

more local news from around bc



LYNNWOOD RETIREMENT RESIDENCE

Trial stay available
call 604.792.0689
for details



site map

- Home
- News
- Sports
- Business
- Entertainment
- + BC Arts & Entertainment
- + TV Listings
- + Movies & Theatre listings
- Lifestyles
- + BC Lifestyles
- + Health
- Opinion
- + BC Opinions
- + Letters
- Vancouver
- Weather
- Lotteries
- Puzzles
- Obits
- Blogs
- Classifieds
- Auto
- Travel
- Jobs
- Flyers
- Mobile Edition
- RSS

customer service

- Contact Us
- About Us
- Advertising Information
- Terms of Use
- Privacy Policy

partners

- Alberta Community Papers
- BC Community Papers
- BCLocalNews.com
- BCClassified.com
- BCDailyBuzz.com
- BCJobNetwork.com
- BCLocalHomes.com
- BCLocalEvents.com
- BCRenoNation.ca
- Black Press
- Flyerland.ca
- GetawayBC.com
- Honolulu Star Advertiser
- Newocalhome.com
- Washington State Community Papers

