

# Composting Toilet



## Description:

The composting toilet creates use for natural waste. Excrements are shielded with a cover material (usually raw sawdust, or coffee grounds as a substitute) and urine is diverted into a separate container. A good rule of thumb is that the ratio of excrement to cover material should be 1:1, that way the odor is kept to a minimum. Once the container is full, the container is emptied into a compost bin, but not placed on top. The contents in the urine diverter should be diluted with water and then used on inedible plants.

## The differences between the Eco-Luxe and DIY versions of the toilet:

- DIY is much cheaper than store-bought
- the maintenance level of a store-bought toilet is lower compared to the DIY version
- face to face contact with your manure is a given with either version

<b>Budget:</b>	<b>Eco-Luxe</b>	<b>DIY</b>
Materials:	\$500 - \$1000	\$90
Labor:	0 minutes	3 hours
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$500 - \$1000 + 0 minutes</b>	<b>\$90 + 3 hours</b>

## Why This Matters

The composting toilet reduces your water and electricity usage, and transforms your waste into useful organic matter instead of relying on synthetic, chemical store-bought fertilizer.

## What Can I Do?

You can make or buy your own composting toilet. If you have qualms about diving head first into the project, read *The Humanure Handbook*. Otherwise, you can learn more about our Eco-Home and donate to our charity.

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