

Compost Ain't Compost

Cyclone Yasi also dumped millions of tonnes of waste vegetation all over North Queensland. While some people (farmers and gardeners) might like a bit of extra compost, those who deal with wastes know that just piling up compostable material does not necessarily mean the outcome will be positive.

There are all sorts of problems (odours, disease, fungal outbreaks, etc) which come from the piling up of lots of rotting vegetation. Add to that the many tonnes of waste food which has had to be thrown out and there can be quite a problem created. VRM BioLogik is a Townsville firm but has been providing specialised services to composting operations all over Australia for many years. Products made by VRM here in Townsville are used all over Australia to stabilise the biological reactions which take place when organic material is piled up. This can help to manage the odours which often come -- but much more importantly, these products help to support the natural process of digesting organic material so that negative outcomes do not appear. This adds up to much faster - and much safer - composting.

The technologies employed in this accelerated composting process were recently the subject of a major study undertaken by the Australian National University and the NSW Department of Climate Change. Remarkably, this study has shown that these products can control odour at the source of the odour within a pile of vegetation and can also help the pile to reduce the massive carbon losses which happen when material is composted. In fact, some of the piles treated with VRM products actually start to CAPTURE carbon rather than releasing CO₂ as the material is digested.

This is compost with a difference.

VRM now offers VRM Liquid Bokashi, a composting accelerant for use around homes and in businesses where there are food wastes and organic material to manage. Wheelie Bins, compost piles, green waste recycling areas and the like are all places this product can be used.

Made from a combination of locally grown pumpkins and locally grown natural biotech formulations, this product helps to rapidly break down organic material and manage the odour at the same time.

