

ECOMATTERS WEEDBAGS



FOR COMPOSTING SOFT WEEDS

Use our **locally-made weedbags** to compost soft weeds, such as Tradescantia, Plectranthus, African Clubmoss or Arum Lily, at your place if you:

- don't want to use herbicides
- don't have a trailer
- or simply don't want to move your weeds a long way.



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HOW DO I USE THE WEEDBAG?

Choose a spot to put your weedbag. These bags are heavy once full of weeds, so you don't want to move it around if you can avoid it. Ideally you also want a spot that will get as much sun as possible, as **heat helps the weeds to break down**.

Then just fill up the bags with weeds! You can mix different types of soft weeds in one bag. Once it's full, wrap it up like a present. You could put a brick or log on top, to help it stay closed. You want to stop any light getting into the weeds, which will help stop them growing.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

The type of weeds you put in the bag and where you leave it affects how long it will take for the weeds to break down. For example, a full bag of tradescantia can take from **six to 12 months to break down**.

Once the contents of the bag looks like soil, it's ready to use as compost.



PREVENTING KAURI DIEBACK

We recommend **not moving vegetation off your property** if you can avoid it, which makes these weedbags a good choice.

It's especially important if you have kauri trees on your property to not move anything (soil or vegetation) from around the base of kauri trees. Following this important rule helps prevent the spread of kauri dieback disease. See kauridieback.co.nz for more information.

WHAT NOT TO DO

Avoid putting any seeds from the weeds you are removing into the bag, because they won't die and will regrow when you use the compost.

Avoid woody weeds, such as tree privet, which can take a very long time to break down, or large branches, as these can rip the bag, letting light in.

WHERE TO BUY

Large bags (1.8m x 2.4m) \$45 each. Small bags (1.8m x 1.8m) \$40 each.

Available from EcoMatters Store, 1 Olympic Place, New Lynn, Auckland.

Email orders to store@ecomatters.org.nz or contact 09 826 0555.



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