



Talking Property

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Just like charity, doing the right thing by the environment really starts at home. These days, it seems most people try to take at least a few steps to lighten their footprint on the planet.

Much of it is about changing your behaviour - remembering to put stuff in the recycling bin and not the rubbish, and switching off lights as you leave a room.

But there are also heaps of products that can make it a bit easier to be green. Of course, whenever you come across something with environmental claims, you need to do your research to make sure there's not more greenwash than eco-cred attached to it.

However, here's five ideas that I can vouch for from personal use.

Compost caddy



The one thing many people don't like about compost is the mess it can create in the kitchen. What container do you keep the scraps in so they don't smell? And when you empty out all the fruit skins and vegie peelings you're often left with a manky bowl or bucket to clean.

But Maze, a Melbourne company, have a brilliant "compost caddy" which can be fitted with biodegradable bags.

It makes the whole process clean and simple. When the caddy fills up, you can just remove the compost by lifting out the bag and putting it straight in your compost bin or worm farm. No more really smelly food scrap containers to scrub out.

Some councils also allow these bags to be placed in the green waste.

\$11.95 from [Maze](#). A roll of [26 bags](#) costs \$4.92.

The caddies and bags are also sold at some hardware stores.

I really like the caddy because it is big enough to store a good few days' worth of food scraps, and saves on cleaning. It also contains the smell of the scraps pretty easily, and fits nicely on our bench.

We have two – one for worm farm scraps, and another for citrus and onions, which don't tend to agree with worms. We empty the onion one into our tumble compost bin, or council green waste bin.