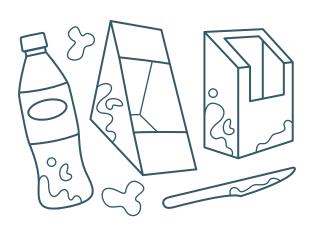
WHAT IS COMPOST? AND HOW DO COMPOSTABLES HELP THE ENVIRONMENT?



A lot of food and drinks come in packaging made from plastic, card and paper.

Once it touches food or drink, this packaging can't be recycled easily.







So it often goes to big piles of mixed rubbish buried in the ground called **landfills.**

The landfills can create pollution that affects our air and water.



Some companies make **cups**, **food boxes**, **plates**, **spoons and straws from plants**, **that are compostable**.

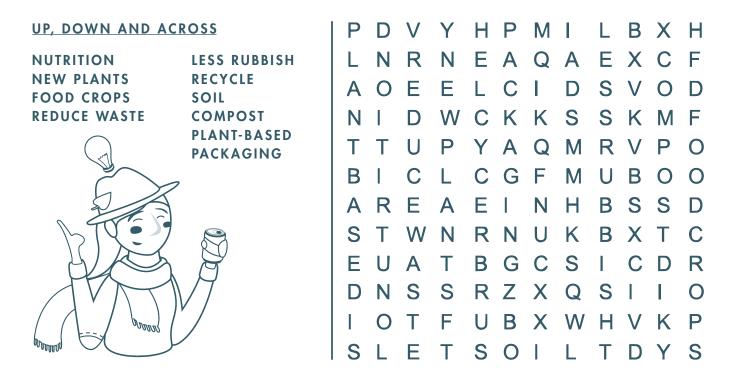
They can be recycled with food waste to **create compost.**



Compost makes soil strong and gives it good nutrition. It helps grow new plants and food crops.

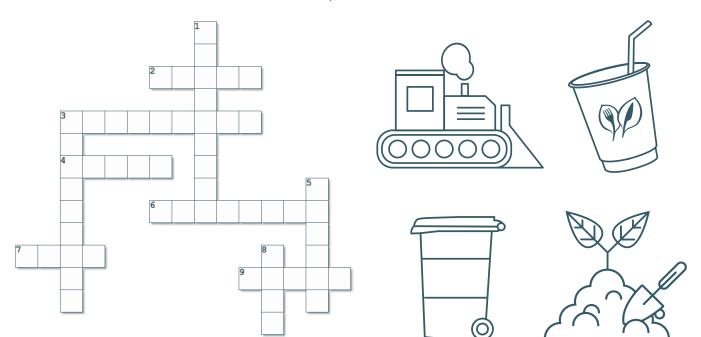
Composting helps reduce waste so we have less rubbish, and saves land from being used as landfills.

FIND THE WORDS!



COMPOST CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Use the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle with the correct words.



ACROSS

- 2. Pollution effects our air and _ _ _ _ (5)
- 3. Big piles of rubbish can cause this (9)
- 4. Compost helps grow new _ _ _ _ (5)
- 6. What big piles of buried rubbish are called (8)
- 7. Compost helps make this stronger (4)
- 9. Recycling helps us reduce our _ _ _ _ (5)

DOWN

- 1. Compost gives plants good _ _ _ _ _ (9)
- 3. Containers for food and drink (9)
- 5. Some compostable packaging is made from _ _ _ _ (5)
- 8. What can be saved if we compost (4)

ANSWERS