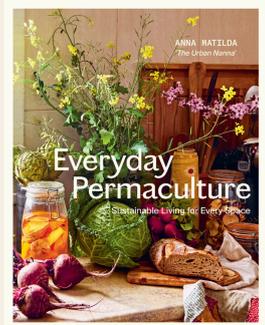




Everyday Permaculture Waste Sorting Signs



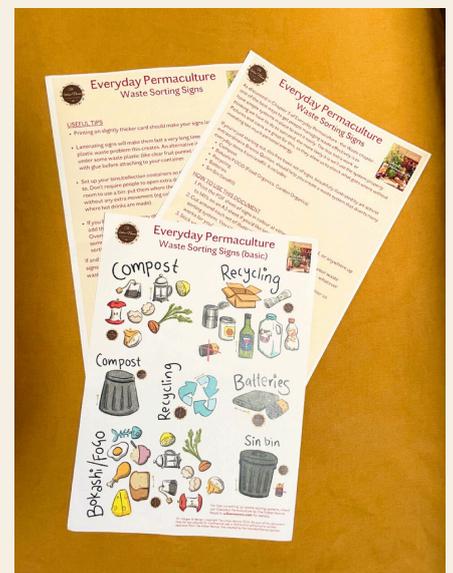
As discussed in Chapter 5 of *Everyday Permaculture* - the Waste chapter - one of the best ways to get people managing waste effectively is to have simple systems in place to sort it easily. The less 'extra work' or thinking we have to do to succeed, the more likely it is we'll use the system properly. Pictures and icons are great for this, as they allow us to check what goes where without investing too much personal energy.

If you're just starting out, this free basic set of signs, beautifully illustrated by art activist extraordinaire Brenna Quinlan, should help you create a waste system that diverts many everyday items from landfill. It includes:

- Compost
- Bokashi/FOGO (Food Organics, Garden Organics)
- Recycling
- Batteries
- Sin Bin (landfill)

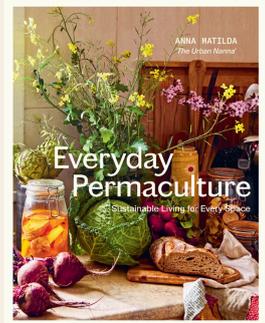
HOW TO USE THIS DOCUMENT

1. Print page 3 of this document in colour at either 100% size on A4, or anywhere up to 141% on an A3 sheet (if you'd like larger copies).
2. Cut around each set of illustrations to create individual signs for your waste sorting system. You can include the name of each bin or trim it off - whatever works for you!
3. Stick your signs on an easily-visible part of each bin/collection container so people can sort their waste with as little effort as possible.





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USEFUL TIPS

- Printing on slightly thicker card should make your signs last a bit longer. Or, print on regular paper and stick it to some upcycled cardboard (eg a cereal box) before cutting out each sign.
- Laminating signs will make them last a very long time, but be mindful of the plastic waste problem this creates. An alternative is sticking the printed card under some waste plastic (like clear fruit punnet panels or even bread bags) with glue before attaching to your container.
- Set up your bins/collection containers so that it is easier to use them than not to. Don't require people to open extra doors or walk from one side of the room to use a bin: put them where they're needed and can be reached without any extra movement (eg collect coffee grounds or tea leaves next to where hot drinks are made).
- If you live/work with many others, try *not* explaining the system to them: just add the signs and see how people react. This reduces the possibility of Overwhelm, and is a clever way to let others feel 'success' for working something out on their own. This makes them more inclined to follow the sorting system. :)

If and when you're ready to take it a step further, our deluxe set of waste-sorting signs includes many more options, including chooks, worms, e-waste, cosmetic waste, light globes and more. Find it on theurbannanna.com/shop/downloads



For tips on setting up waste-sorting systems, check out *Everyday Permaculture* by The Urban Nanna. Head to theurbannanna.com for details.

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