

# ECOMATTERS WEED BAGS



## FOR COMPOSTING SOFT WEEDS

Use our **locally-made weed bags** to compost soft weeds, such as Tradescantia, Plectranthus or African Clubmoss 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 WEED BAG?

Choose a spot to put your weed bag. These bags are heavy once full, 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 full, wrap it up like a present. Putting a brick or log on top can help it stay closed. Preventing any light from entering will help stop the weeds growing.

## HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

The type of weeds in the bag and where you leave it affects how long it will take to break down. For example, a full bag of Tradescantia can take from **6 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 weed bags 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. This helps prevent the spread of kauri dieback disease. See [kauridieback.co.nz](http://kauridieback.co.nz) for more information.

## WHAT NOT TO DO

**Avoid putting any seeds from the weeds** 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.

## HOW TO PURCHASE

Large bags (1.8m x 2.4m) **\$55 each**

Small bags (1.8m x 1.8m) **\$45 each**

Visit the EcoMatters Store at 1 Olympic Place, New Lynn. Open Wed-Sun, 10am-2pm.  
Order online at [ecomatters.org.nz/store-online](http://ecomatters.org.nz/store-online)