Troubleshoot your compost

Composting raw food waste using a HotBox, Pallet bin or New Zealand box

Compost too Dry
- Dry compost may be full of fungal spores, so water well, ideally with rainwater. Then leave or remix with fresh green materials.
- Add fewer dry materials. Water before you dig out.

Compost Smelly
- Composter - Add more dry, carbon rich materials such as wood chip/sawdust/cardboard. Ideally, the compost should be dug out and layered compost, carbon source, compost etc. However, adding a good layer of dry carbon rich material on top will help.

Compost too Wet
- Caddies – don’t leave collected food waste to fester in caddies; empty them on a daily basis and regularly wash them out.

Flies
- Composter - Fruit waste can attract flies. Rake food waste flat and cover with a carbon source (sawdust/wood chip/newspaper).

Remember the Compost Mantra: Food - Water - Air – Warmth