

## What Happens at Donarbon?

### Q. What happens at Donarbon?

A. We sort out the rubbish that people throw away.

We compost the leftover food and stuff from the garden like grass cuttings and leaves.

### Q. What is composting?

A. Rubbish which is made of plants, food or cardboard (what we call organic waste) can be made into compost. Organic waste is material from something that was once alive. The waste chopped up and put into big piles which get very hot. This helps turn the food and plant rubbish into compost. The compost can be used by farmers, schools and families to grow more food and flowers.



We recycle a lot of rubbish.

### Q. What is recycling?

A. Some people sort out their rubbish at home into glass, paper, metal, plastic and other things. This is called recycling and is very useful. We can use this recycled rubbish to make new things.



**We put rubbish into landfill holes.**

**Q. What is landfill?**

**A.** All the rubbish that isn't recycled or made into compost has to be put somewhere. It goes into a giant hole in the ground. This is called landfill and it is very smelly. Rats and seagulls like to find food in the landfill rubbish. Another problem is we haven't got space for many more holes, so we must sort more of our waste before all the holes fill up.



**We sort out rubbish using an MBT**

**Q. What is an MBT?**

**A.** MBT means Mechanical Biological Treatment. An MBT plant is a huge building with lots of machines inside which sort out the rubbish which used to go into landfill. It takes out the rubbish which can be used again for recycling. The rubbish which is paper, card, food or plants is made into a type of compost.

