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## Compost your waste, sell to the BBMP

### **Civic officials are working on the modalities of this model, which aims to motivate citizens**

If the thought of the 'tediousness' of segregating your own waste, let alone composting it, is keeping you from doing it, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) may offer a good reason to change your mind. The Palike is pitching for a model that involves citizens composting their waste and the civic agency buying it from them.

BBMP Commissioner N. Manjunath Prasad said the proposal, which will be placed before the council soon, will be an incentive for citizens to compost their own wet waste after segregation, thereby also reducing the quantum of waste being collected. "It is very simple. It involves an investment of Rs. 900 for which you get three buckets and coco peat, which does not cost a lot. The manure that comes out of the exercise is of very good quality," said the commissioner, who has been composting waste in his home.

Citizens can use the compost for their own gardens and sell

the excess to the BBMP, which plans to set up collection centres on the lines of the Dry Waste Collection Centres, which are present in almost all wards.

Though a rate is yet to be fixed, the manure bought from citizens will be used for its 1,300 parks or will be taken to one of its waste plants from where the Agriculture Department is already picking up compost, he added.

***BBMP Commissioner N. Manjunath Prasad has been composting waste in his home for some time***