

Could dog poo compost be used to grow fruit and veg?

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Councillor Gill Thomas hopes a trial will improve how people get rid of dog waste

A university trial will investigate if turning dog poo into compost is safe after a councillor's personal experiment.

Stroud District councillor Gill Thomas does not own a dog, but she has collected more than 750 bags of dog poo since September to compost at her house using a wormery.

A University of Gloucestershire trial will now assess the safety of different dog poo composting methods and determine if it can be used to grow flowers and vegetables.

"I would ultimately love to see [the compost] on the shelves of big DIY outlets," Thomas said. "Because I have proof that it can grow things and it can be more than just poo that goes in the ground or gets burnt up in to the air."



How worms are being used to turn dog poo into compost

'Stomach-churning'

Thomas, who is the only master composter specialising in dog poo in Gloucestershire, started an experiment after a resident made her aware of a "dog poo grot spot" near Bussage.

She collected 350 bags of poo from the area and installed her own waste bin for dog owners.