



## Vegepod Selling Points





## **Frequently Asked Questions about Vegepods**

### **How much soil does it need?**

Vegepod's come in three sizes, requiring differing amounts of compost.

- Small (1 pod) – 120 litres of compost
- Medium (2 pods) – 230 litres of compost
- Large (4 pods) – 450 litres of compost

### **What else do I need to include with the compost?**

We recommend mixing your compost with either John Innes No 3 or Perlite mix in a 3:1 compost: feed ratio.

### **How do I assemble it? Is it easy to put together?**

Full instructions are included in the box as well as assembly videos [here](#)

Everything you need to put the Vegepod together is in the box, no tools required. They are also a modular system and the pieces are designed to simply 'click' into place.

### **What can I grow in it?**

Anything! From herbs like basil, mint, rosemary, thyme to veggies that you would normally grow in your veggie patch – cucumber, tomatoes, strawberries, onions, garlic, broccoli, brussell sprouts, aubergine's. You can even grow root vegetables in a Vegepod – potatoes, carrots, swedes. You can grow anything.

### **What do you suggest I start growing with?**

Start growing what you like to eat! To get the best out of your Vegepod, you want to be eating what you are growing. If you're a complete novice, start small with some herbs and lettuce which don't take long to harvest and will encourage you to get growing on more

### **What is it made of?**

The pods are made of excellent quality and food-safe materials, tweaked and enhanced over the years. The wicking bed bases and raised walls are all virgin polypropylene right down to the nuts and bolts, which are certifiably food-safe plastic. This ensures no leaching of chemicals and maintains organic status for soils, unlike treated timbers or iron beds.

The mesh is commercial grade crop cover as seen on fruit tree farms.

The canopy poles are made of galvanised steel to ensure no rust and a powder coating for good measure.

The stands and trolleys are also all made of galvanised steel and powder coated.

### **Why isn't it made of recycled plastic?**

Recycled plastics have a myriad of unknown plastics in every single batch and could not warrant a food-safe check. Recycled plastic leach chemicals because the true source of the plastic cannot be identified. Virgin polypropylene ensures durability and stability of the material and ensures it's food safe status.

### **How long will it last?**

Vegepod's have a 2 year warranty but our original models from some 10 years ago are still going strong. Vegepods originated in Australia under harsh weather conditions and have been tried and tested in extreme heat and cold weather conditions to prove their durability.

### **Can my plants be overwatered?**

No. The overflow hole at the base of the pod allows for water run off of any excess water which will simply flow out.

### **How does the irrigation system work?**

Simply plug the irrigation system into a hose connection and turn on. You can also use a timer connected to your tap to consistently water your Vegepod during hotter months or for when you are on holidays. No need to have a caretaker look after your veggie patch anymore.

### **Can I use any hose connector?**

Yes. Any standard hose connector will work. We recommend Hozelock.

### **Do I need to buy a stand or a trolley?**

No. You can put your Vegepod on the ground provided you have a flat surface for it to sit on. Stands and trolleys are optional extra's and they are designed for waist height gardening. Trolleys let you manoeuvre your pod into sunshine as the seasons change.

### **Do I keep the canopy open?**

No! Leave it down all the time. The protective mesh has a shade rating of only 17% and veggies need as much sunlight as possible, at least 4 hours of direct sunlight is recommended.

### **Why do I need the canopy?**

The canopy is permeable, so it breathes and allows airflow for plant respiration. In other words, it doesn't cook and kill your plants on hot days, like many non-permeable greenhouse plastic covers out there. So, it's fine to keep the canopy down all day. Likewise, the permeability allows rain to go through, so no need to open for watering during those periods. Apart from creating a perfect micro-climate for plant growth, the main point of the cover is to keep pests at bay.

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