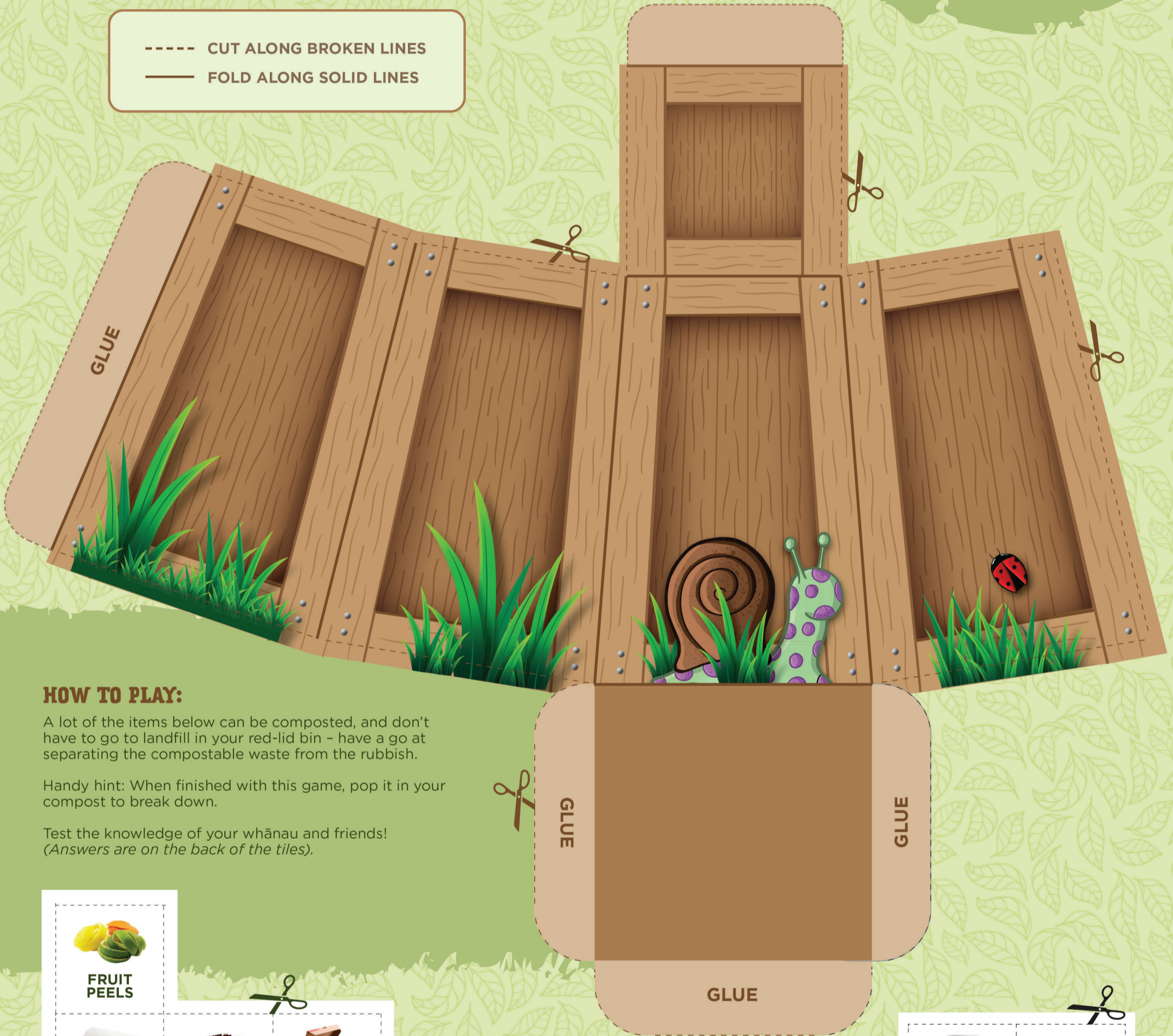


LEARN ABOUT COMPOSTING WITH OUR SORTING GAME!

Composting reduces the amount of rubbish in landfills and provides a range of great environmental benefits. Do your part and start a home compost today – it's easy!

----- CUT ALONG BROKEN LINES
 ——— FOLD ALONG SOLID LINES



HOW TO PLAY:

A lot of the items below can be composted, and don't have to go to landfill in your red-lid bin – have a go at separating the compostable waste from the rubbish.

Handy hint: When finished with this game, pop it in your compost to break down.

Test the knowledge of your whānau and friends! (Answers are on the back of the tiles).

 <p>FRUIT PEELS</p>					 <p>COFFEE CUPS</p>				
 <p>PAPER TOWELS</p>		 <p>LEAVES</p>		 <p>PIZZA BOXES</p>	 <p>BUTTER WRAPPING</p>				
 <p>USED TISSUE</p>	 <p>WOOD ASH</p>	 <p>FRUIT CORES</p>	 <p>LEAFY VEGETABLES</p>		 <p>SOFT PLASTICS</p>		 <p>CLOTHING</p>		
 <p>VEGETABLE PEELS</p>	 <p>WRITING PAPER</p>	 <p>STICKS</p>	 <p>FLOWERS</p>	 <p>EGGSHELLS</p>		 <p>BROKEN PLATES</p>	 <p>TETRAPAK</p>	 <p>RECEIPTS</p>	

DID YOU KNOW?

65% of waste in red-lid rubbish bins could be composted, instead of creating greenhouse gases in landfill!

When organic materials break down in landfill, they create methane gas, a strong greenhouse gas and significant contributor to global warming. Global warming is responsible for hotter summers and colder winters, more severe weather events, increased algal bloom in our lakes, and much more negative impacts to our world.

Composting is a simple and cheap way to reduce household waste to landfill, which cuts down the amount of these gases produced. You can compost a

wide range of organic waste, including food scraps, paper and cardboard, grass clippings and leaves, even manure from plant eating animals (e.g. rabbits, horses). Compost re-uses the nutrients from organic waste to feed soil, and fertilises plants and vegetables in your garden – a win, win!

Even if you don't have time to maintain your compost, it will break down on its own over time, and will be better for the environment.

Keen to learn more about composting?

Contact the Rotorua Lakes Council sustainability team on (07) 348 4199, or email recycling@rotorualc.nz.

Start your own home compost

Use a ready-made compost bin, a large untreated wooden box, or find a small area outside where you can start a compost pile - in a shady spot on grass or dirt is best!

In a separate container, collect any organic food scraps from fruit and vegetable skins or leftovers - these are called green materials.

Place brown sticks or ferns at the bottom of the compost bin or pile to create airflow so your compost can break down faster.

For the next layer, add brown items - leaves, shredded paper or cardboard.

Your green materials should be added next (organic food scraps). You can also add a thin layer of lawn clippings!

Keep layering your green and brown materials like you're making a lasagne. Add in brown leaves, used tissues, paper towels, shredded paper or cardboard (these are your brown materials), on top of organic scraps and lawn clippings.

To prevent a smelly compost, don't add dairy or meat unless you aerate your compost regularly.

Rotate your compost with a garden fork, pitchfork or aerator to speed up the composting process, or you can leave the compost to break down on its own.

Give yourself a high-five for your help in looking after our environment!

