

Troubleshooting

Problem

01. Weak Heat/ No heat

Too Dry

Too Wet

Winter wind chill factor

- Sprinkle some water over the mixture
- Add dry wood pellets or sawdust and mix well
- Only empty out a little bit at emptying time

02. Maggots

Too wet / weak heat

- Add dry wood pellets or sawdust and mix well
- Put in a hot water bottle to help heat

03. Mushrooms

Natural occurrence

- None

04. Big lumps

Too wet

- Add wood pellets or sawdust to mixture
- Break up lumps

05. Ammonia Smell

Intensive process, high pH

- Add dry wood pellets or sawdust and mix well

06. Rotting Smell

Too wet

Too little

- Add dry wood pellets or sawdust and mix well

07. Pungent, Acidic Smell

Not enough oxygen, may be too full

Too wet

Sometimes occur in the start of a new chamber cycle

- Empty out some waste, add wood pellets and mix well
- Add dry wood pellets or sawdust and mix well
- Add some ready-made compost and mix well
- Unclog air vents