

## SUSFORM-NOW (LDC) News No 10 Home garden management

For sound growth of plants and vegetables, it won't be good to directly apply fresh dung of buffalos, cows or pigs. At the workshop on home garden management, **a very simple but effective method of compost making** was introduced.



Grasses and cow dung were mixed and placed into a 50 cm-depth hole.



Ashes are applied over the grasses and dung and then, covered with soil and plastic sheets



Compost with rich nutrients will be produced within 45-60 days depending on temperature.

The workshop was organized at Hang Tro B in Pu Nhi Commune, Dien Bien Dong District on January 11, 2012 in order to introduce vegetable planting techniques and management.

Home garden management was introduced by using several vegetable varieties and seasonal rotation. Local varieties were suggested to use as it helps to produce seeds by themselves and to serve family's daily consumptions. Good soil preparation and quality check methods were also given to the villagers.

### Technical tips for soil quality check

1. Take some soil
2. Squeeze with your fist. The soil will give the shape of dough
3. Press on the soil by one finger. Good soil will return to the first state



Soil quality (porous and moisture) was checked by hand



Small hump by organic material inside the garden is needed in slope conditions in order to avoid erosion

True bred seeds of cabbage, mibuna and coriander from Japan were distributed to Hang Tro B villagers. After Tet, workshops will be organized at other pilot sites.



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