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Councils to start 'composting' kitchen waste



Starting in October with 6,700 homes, Lisbon city council is to start collecting 'food waste and paper napkins' to transform them into fertilizer for agriculture.

This 'composting' solution to what is otherwise a massive 'waste' of organic potential has developed from a pilot-project that began in Maia (Porto region) last year and rapidly showed authorities how much it made sense.

The quantity of non-recyclable refuse dropped by half, explain reports.

The plan is about to be extended to cover the kitchen waste of around 35,000 local inhabitants, in partnership with recycling firm Lipor.

Explains SIC television news, the waste can be transformed into fertilizer within a month.

Said Abílio Almeida of Lipor, "we do in an industrial way what Nature can do naturally" – only much more quickly.

In Lisbon, this kind of kitchen waste has been collected from schools and public service canteens for some time now – and used to produce biogas. But now the practice is being extended to homes and apartments in the Lumiar district.

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