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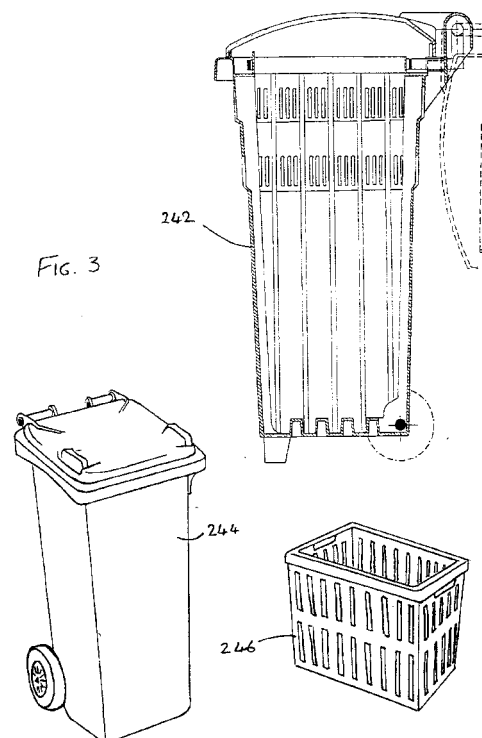
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(54) **Waste disposal containers**

(57) The invention provides a set of containers 242, 244, 246 comprising a plurality of smaller containers suitable for holding waste at one location (e.g. within a building); and a plurality of larger containers 242, 244, 246 suitable for holding waste at another location (e.g. outside a building); at least one of the smaller containers having one or more ventilation openings in at least a side wall thereof and containing an air-permeable liner for receiving organic compostable waste, and optionally being provided with a lid; and at least one of the larger containers having a lid, and one or more ventilation openings in at least the side wall thereof, so as to allow ventilation of an air permeable liner containing organic compostable waste placed in the said larger container when the lid of the larger container is closed.



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1. Claims: 1-8

A set of waste containers comprising one or more smaller containers for indoor use and one or more larger containers for outdoor use, as well as a method of handling waste comprising providing a plurality of smaller containers and a plurality of larger containers.

2. Claim : 9

A modular container comprising a plurality of modules (or smaller containers)

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