

5 How to set up a worm bin

- ✓ Get two same-type containers and one lid
- ✓ Drill holes in the bottom of one of the bins or cut out one of the bottoms and use a fine mesh
- ✓ Line the bottom with slightly wet brown material
- ✓ Feed worms kitchen or garden scraps every 3 to 10 days. Wait until worms finish the food before adding more
- ✓ Cover your worms and food scraps with brown material and close the lid



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Worm Composting Workshop

Learn how to build and take care of your worm friends to make rich compost





WHAT GOES IN A WORM BIN

- Fruit and Veggie Scraps
- Coffee and Tea
- Egg Shells
- Grains, Cereal, Bread, Pasta, Rice
- Paper Scraps, Towels, Toilet Paper rolls
- Garden Clippings, flowers, dead plants

WHAT DOES NOT GO IN A WORM BIN

- Significant amounts of citrus, pineapple, spicy peppers, onion, garlic, meat, dairy, oil
- No plastic, pet poop, or cleaning chemicals

CARE TIPS

TEMPERATURE

55 - 80F
NO DIRECT SUNLIGHT

MOISTURE

SIMILAR TO A WRUNG OUT SPONGE

VENTILATION

PLENTY OF AIR FLOW

ACIDITY

pH 5-9
DO NOT ADD A LOT OF CITRUS

COMMON PROBLEMS

SMELLS BAD

ADD BROWN MATERIAL
CHECK MOISTURE LEVEL

FRUIT FLIES

ADD BROWN MATERIAL
PLACE A FRUIT FLY TRAP

How to Harvest?

WITHIN THE BIN

Place brown & green material on one side of your bin. Over time, the worms will migrate to that side and then you can harvest the side without worms.

DUMPING THE BIN

Using a surface you are okay with getting dirty, dump the entirety of the bin out. Do this in the sunlight or with a bright light so that the worms will burrow down. Slowly separate the compost from the worms and other materials that have not decomposed yet. Add any remaining material to your bin to start over.

Worm tea

Need:

- Dechlorinated water (rainwater, distilled water, etc)
- Worm castings/compost
- Porous bags (stockings)

Add your compost to the bag and put in a bucket with the water. Leave overnight up to a couple of days. Optional: Add brown sugar and stir to increase bacteria and oxygen