

How to

VERMicompost

** In a Garden Bed **

The basics for bringing Red Wigglers home.



BURY YOUR BIN

Dig a hole roughly the size of your bin and set your bin in that hole; the rim of the bin should be level with - or a little above - the surface of your garden's soil.



FILL YOUR BIN

First add some mulch; then, shred enough soaked cardboard to fill roughly half of the bin. Now, dump the content of your bag o' worms on top of the shredded cardboard.



WAIT, THEN FEED, THEN WAIT

Give the worms a couple days to adjust. Then, feed them some of your kitchen scraps: a layer of veggie trimmings, apple cores, etc. - no meat or cheese. On top of that, layer on brown scraps: cardboard, shredded paper, etc.

Approx. 1/2 Cup Brown Scraps over 1/2 Cup Green Scraps per 300ish Worms each week



REPEAT

Once a week for the rest of your life, add in the appropriate ratio of scraps to worms. You can expect that happy worms will double their population every six weeks, so you can scale up the feedings accordingly!



PRO TIPS!

- A lid isn't necessary, but can deter non-worm-scrap-lovers; find a lid, make a lid, cover with burlap, or just use mulch
- Soil should remain moist in the bin (and the rest of your bed)
- Not feeding enough is better than feeding too much
- Re-home worms from an established bed to start new beds

FEED WORMS
YOUR WASTE
WATCH YOUR
GARDEN GROW