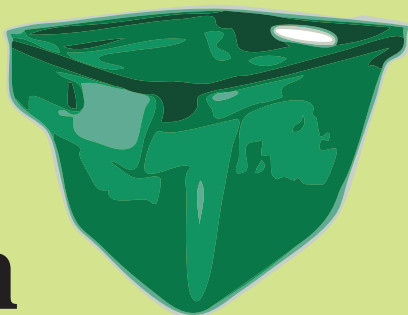


How to turn your old recycling crate into a Wonderful Worm Farm



Constructing your Worm Farm

1. Block the handle holes with mesh netting on the inside of the crate to keep flies out.
2. Drill lots of drainage holes in the bottom – roughly the width of your little finger.
3. Drill a ring of tiny holes around the sides of the crate, approximately 15cm from the top.
4. Find something that can act as a lid, it needs to over hang the edges of the crate – this will prevent rain from collecting on the inside.

That's it - you're now ready to add bedding, worms & food scraps!

Furnishing your Worm Farm

1. Line the bottom of the crate with a 5cm base of small rocks – **good drainage and airflow through the worm bed is essential for your farm.** *Natural clay kitty litter can be a good alternative.* Top with 5cm compost or peat.
2. Wet newspaper and tear into strips, then add this to the crate until it is 1/3 full. *Also use torn up egg cartons.*
3. Add 250g/ 1000 Tiger Worms (garden worms will not work!). Get these from a worm farmer (found in the yellow pages) or ask your mate with an established worm farm.
4. Bury 250g of food scraps* in the paper layer.
5. Cover the worm farm with a hessian sack, natural carpet or corrugated cardboard – this will keep flies out!
6. Secure the lid.

Worm farms produce solid castings and liquid juice – both are great for the garden. You can either place the crate over your garden bed – like we have done – or collect the juice in a drip tray (raise the crate on legs or bricks).



Caring for you Worm Farm

- Feed the worms approx one ice cream container per week – this is only a little farm!
- Bury the food waste and keep the farm covered.
- Add torn newspaper regularly.
- If your farm is attracting flies or starting to smell, add a sprinkle of garden lime and mix in air each week until it is balanced again.
- When the farm is nearly full move the worm casting to one side and don't feed that area anymore. Once the worms have moved out of the pile of castings you can remove it from the crate and use it as high quality garden fertiliser!
- It can take 6-8 months for worms to turn food scraps into casting so be patient!
- If you are collecting juice make sure you dilute it 10:1 before using on plants- a little goes a long way!

*see Worm Composting booklet for what food scraps you can put in a worm farm.

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