

## WORM COMPOSTING

### Fun facts about worms

Worm composting -- what is it? A method of converting kitchen scraps into nutrient-rich compost for your garden

What equipment is needed? You can make your own worm bin. Simply punch holes in a plastic box, line it with bedding, add moisture, worms, feed regularly, keep them out of sun and harvest the castings (worm poop) regularly.

Better alternative - Purchase a Worm Factory. Available on line for \$79.95. Essentially, this is a stacked three tray home for worms that allows ease of separating worms from their castings, and collection of nutrient rich compost tea. In full operation the factory can house 10,000 to 12,000 worms, can consume 5 to 8 pounds of food a week and allow a harvest of a full tray of castings each month.

### Preparation of the worm bed

Adding worms ( red wigglers) - we find the best place to buy them is Western Boat ( used for fishing)

### Moisture

### Food guidelines

### Temperature limits

### Use of the vermicompost and compost tea

### Odors - signs of incorrect operation

### Going on vacation