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**WELCOME TO THE  
WORLD OF  
WIGGLY WORM  
COMPOSTING**

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO GET YOUR  
WORMERY BACK IN ACTION**



**WORM COMPOSTER  
RESCUE KIT  
INSTRUCTIONS**

# THIS RESCUE KIT CONTAINS; THESE INSTRUCTIONS PLUS...



## 500G COMPOSTING WORMS + A BEDDING BLOCK

Our composting worms are a mixture of species (mainly reds and dendras) selected for their composting ability. Composting worms are native to the UK and in the wild can be found on the surface of the ground, generally in leaf litter. Composting worms will eat all manner of household waste from fruit and vegetable peelings, cardboard, paper, bread, pasta right through to the contents of your vacuum cleaner.

## 2KG WORM TREAT

Worm Treat is our natural accelerator for any worm-assisted composting system. It is a special mixture of all the things that worms love best. Mix a handful into your composter every few weeks to give it a boost. The pellets also soak up any excess moisture in your composter and swell up in volume. Worm Treat helps keep your system in peak form!

## 2KG ANTI ACID LIME MIX

Add a handful of Lime Mix neutraliser to your wormery every couple weeks to prevent acid build up. Lime Mix also helps prevent smells, flies and white worms. Because it contains grit it also aids the worm's digestion, and its drying properties make it good for wet or under-performing kits. Good composting conditions are achieved when the contents are close to pH7.

## A MOISTURE MAT

Worms work best in dark, moist conditions. Our breathable Moisture Mats provide these conditions where they are most needed, on the surface of your composter.



They encourage the worms to work in the freshest waste, thereby speeding up composting and reducing odours.

Moisture Mats disintegrate over time so these will need replacing every few weeks. Our Moisture Mats are made from 600g/sq.m hemp fibre matting.

# HOW TO GET STARTED

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOUR KIT CONTAINS LIVE WORMS YOU WILL NEED TO GET IT SET UP WITHIN 24 HOURS.** Choose a site for your

Worm Composter that is sheltered, preferably in a shed, utility room or greenhouse.

## THE COLLECTOR TRAY

This tray acts as a sump. Excess liquid drains into it from the working trays above. Do not put any worms, compost or scraps in here! A handy grate or mesh in the collector tray allows any worms that fall into this tray to climb back up.

## THE BOTTOM WORKING TRAY

- 1 Half fill a bucket with warm water. Put your Bedding Block into the water.
- 2 As the block soaks-up the water, begin to break it up into an even mix. It should take an hour or so. Squeeze out any excess moisture when finished.
- 3 Evenly distribute half of the soaked bedding into this tray - a couple of inches is plenty. The left over soaked coir is a great potting base.
- 4 Empty your bag of worms onto the bedding. Worms are light sensitive, so leave the lid off for a couple of hours to encourage them to burrow down into the bedding.
- 5 Once the worms have burrowed into the bedding you're ready to add your first waste. Spread it evenly on top of the bedding: a few handfuls is all you need this first time. Cover the waste with your Moisture Mat. This will be munched by your worms over time so be sure to order a few spares.





Slowly, over the next few weeks, add more waste (small amounts at a time) until the tray is full. The key to worm composting is that you don't need to wait until the worms have eaten all the previous waste: as long as they are working just below the surface they're ready for you to add a little more.

### THE TOP WORKING TRAY

Place the Top Working Tray on top of the first Working Tray only when you are sure its base will touch the material beneath. Always place your Moisture Mat (and Lid) on top of the freshest waste. Ensure that the waste level touches the base of the new Tray before fitting it—as the worms continuously reduce the volume of the waste this level sinks all the time! Now you can continue to add waste to the new Tray. Before adding any more waste ensure that the worms are working just below the surface of the existing waste.

## HARVESTING YOUR COMPOST

Gradually add waste until the top tray is completely full. This will take longer than you think because every time you add waste and the worms process it - it drastically reduces in volume. At this stage most of the worms will be in the Top Tray - the Bottom Tray will contain fully worked waste, ie worm casts. Now is the time to take out the Bottom Working Tray and harvest the rich casts. Once you have emptied this Bottom Working Tray it goes back on the top of the pile becoming the new Top Working Tray and you start adding scraps here to begin the process all over again.

It may take over 6 months for your system to become ready to harvest its first compost. Thereafter you should be able to harvest new bottom trays full of compost on a regular basis. Important: Add a handful of Lime Mix and Worm Treat every couple of weeks with your kitchen scraps. Worm Tea: You will produce an on-going supply of worm tea which is really rich in nutrients. Dilute 1 part worm tea to 10 parts water and use on plants and throughout your garden.

## ANY MORE QUESTIONS?

If there are any other queries you have about your new Urbalive Wormery or Worm Composting please don't hesitate to give our Office Wigglets a call on **01981 500391**, drop us an email to **WIGGLY@WIGGLYWIGGLERS.CO.UK**, grab us on instant chat at **WWW.WIGGLYWIGGLERS.CO.UK** (open 10am-5pm Mon-Fri, leave us a message when closed) or send us a message on Facebook at **FACEBOOK.COM/WIGGLYWIGGLERS!**