

Worm Farms, Bokashi & Composting Tips

Make Black Gold for your Garden

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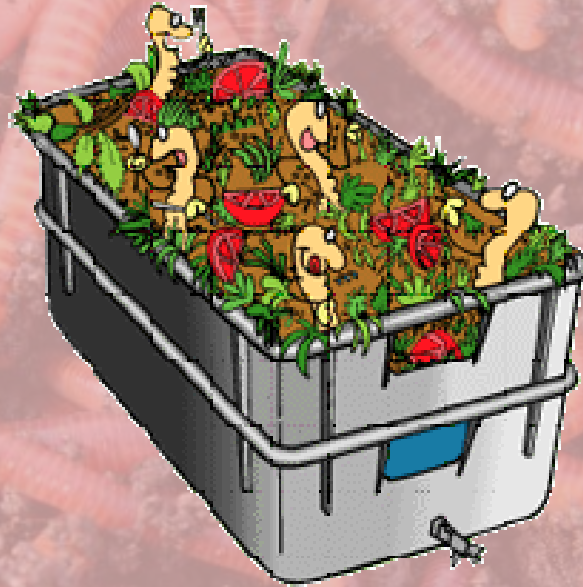


organic waste recycling at home

- why bother?



worm farming



- Great for families with young children
- Good for households with moderate amounts of kitchen scraps/peelings



worm farming



- 👍 Fantastic by-products
- 👍 Can be used by householders with no garden and some potted plants
- ✖ Not suitable for garden waste recycling, except for very small amounts of lawn clippings or dried leaves.



worm farming

- Commercially available versions

Spare tray – next level



Liquid level

Outlet tap

Bedding
and worms

Worm blanket



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- Home made versions



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- Instructions



worm farming

After making or buying a Worm Farm you will require

- Bedding – where the worms live
- Worms – composting worms
- A worm “blanket” – hessian or newspaper
- Regular small amounts of food
- “Pet-sitting”

Keeping them in a suitable site

- Keep cool in summer!



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Which worms?



Sold as Composting Worms



Found in garden soil



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Worms love to eat

- *Fruit scraps*
- *Vegetable peelings*
- Chop up into smaller pieces
- Wet through *pizza boxes, newspaper*
- Avoid strongly smelling scraps eg citrus and onions; or meat scraps, dairy products



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By-products

- *Vermicast*

Walnut-sized amount per plant, watered in or at planting time

- *Worm Wee*

Liquid fertiliser, diluted. Water the bedding to make some quickly.



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Other issues

- *Lime*
- *Ants*
- *Maggots*



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Reproduction

Rated MA15+

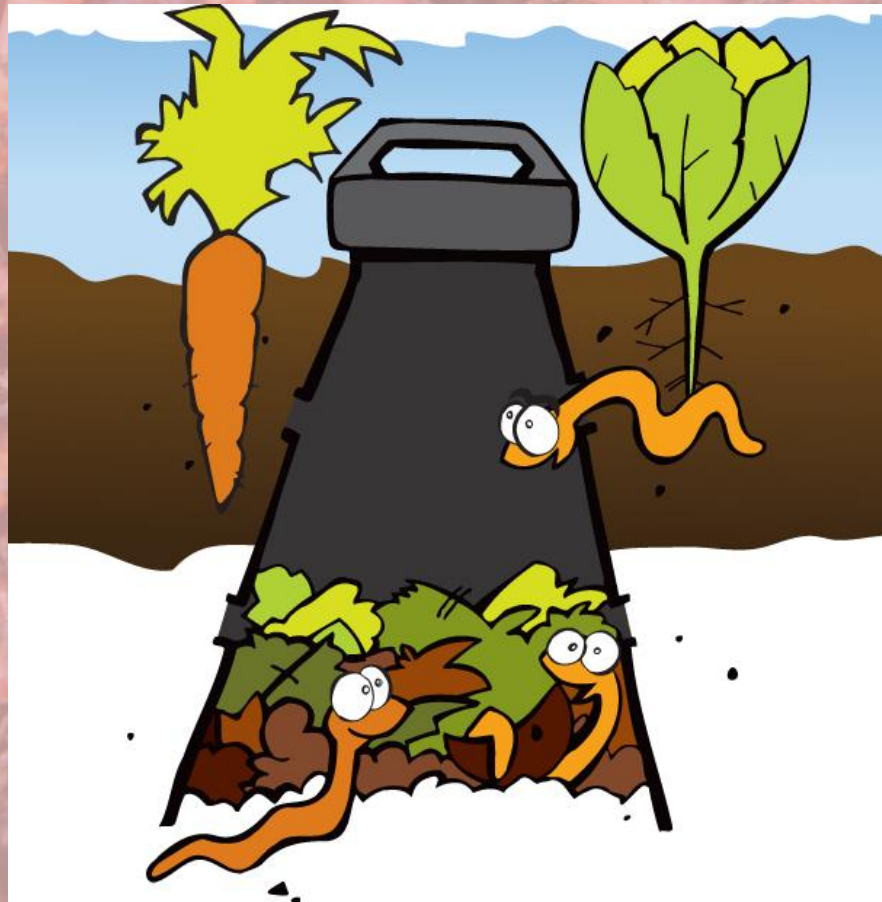


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Worm Farming in situ

WormFeast®

Perfect for recycling kitchen scraps straight into mother earth



bokashi buckets

Advantages

- Takes ALL kitchen scraps, incl. meat
- Very slight smell – very tight lid, can be kept indoors

Disadvantages

- Bokashi grain is needed
- No garden waste
- Need a second bin/system



NB Final product is **fermented**, not composted



bokashi buckets

Produces

- **Fermented waste**, dug into soil, further breakdown results in fertile soil conditioner
- **Liquid leachate**: dilute as a plant fertiliser



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which method is best for you?

Do you

Throw away
leftovers?

Have children?

Have meat scraps
and no dog?

Hate creepy-
crawlies?

BOKASHI

Loads of fruit &
veg peelings?

WORMS

*Consider a combination of
the options to cover all your
organic waste recycling*



Other resources

- ***Recycle Your Garden*** Tim Marshall
- ***Soil Food*** Jackie French
- ***The Healthy Soil Handbook*** Earth Garden
- ***Gardening Down Under*** Kevin Handreck

