

HOW TO In-Garden Worm Farm



Materials you need

- Plastic pot approx. 31cm with approx. 5 mm holes drilled into bottom two thirds of the sides of the pot (or a 10 litre food grade plastic bucket)
- A portion of potting mix used for planting seedlings, enough to cover bottom of pot
- Paper(e.g. newspaper) shredded or torn into strips or old leaves or straw
- Box of 500 compost worms
- Food scraps
- Enough cardboard to cover inside of pot or one whole newspaper
- Lid large enough to fit over pot e.g. an old plate

Instructions

In-ground worm farms are a great way to use up food scraps and energise your soil. Or you may want to dispose of food scraps in a compost heap or in a bin which is collected by the Council (these could be free).

- Bury pot in garden bed with just top 5 to 10 cm sticking out
- Add a 10cm layer of potting mix or soil or manure
- Add a 10cm layer of moist paper(e.g. newspaper) shredded or torn into strips; or moist old leaves or straw
- Place worms on top
- Place food scraps on top of that
- Cover over with damp cardboard or a whole newspaper
- Put a lid on top of the pot to keep rodents and rain out
- Each time more food scraps are added another layer of newspaper should be added.
- Food scraps should not be left exposed or flies will come
- Water the pot a little if it looks too dry or it has ants. The contents of the pot should be moist but not wet
- Worms do not like citrus fruits nor the onion family. **DO NOT ADD THEM** to the pot.
- Worms love coffee grounds