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How To Start A Worm Bin: Your Guide To Getting Started With Worm Composting



Synopsis

Do you want to learn to turn food scraps into valuable compost? Do you believe in taking responsibility for the waste we create? People all over the world are turning their food scraps into nutrient-rich worm compost through starting their own worm bin. This book contains everything you need to get started worm composting in one easy-to-listen-to book. Topics include what type of worms to buy, how to construct a bin, maintaining the right environment, and how to foster a thriving worm herd. The worm bin troubleshooting and FAQ sections cover the rest. The author demonstrates that worm composting is a year-round activity that is easy, fast, convenient, good for the earth, good for your plants, and fun.

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Customer Reviews

How to Start a Worm Bin is well-written and accessible. With Henry Owen's clear guidance, I set up a good bin in the best location and filled it with the proper mix of bedding. I was then able to quickly identify a reputable place to buy my first batch of red wigglers. Once my worms arrived, the book helped me detect the signs of over-feeding; how to maintain a balanced moisture level; and, offered specific and comprehensive tips for regular maintenance to ensure a healthy wormery. The appendices are organized for quick reference, including a FAQ section and trouble-shooting chart. My wormery is thriving! The section "Worm Composting for Kids" inspired me to invite my granddaughter to share in the experience and to gain her first scientific and ecological insights. An

added bonus is the author's generosity in providing ongoing electronic links and information to those who buy the book. I highly recommend this guide to those interested in a responsible and fascinating route to making a positive, environmental impact and achieving nutrient-rich compost to boot. Owen's guide is well organized and clear, with each chapter addressing a specific component of running a good wormery, addressing fully fears and concerns beginners unavoidably face, maintenance tips that assure a continued healthy bin, and even suggestions for inviting children into the worm composting experience! I definitely recommend this book to anyone considering worm composting.

From project start, to successful and happy worm bin, took less time than reading the book did. That's because the book was clear and to the point, so the actual work was quick and easy. We are now the proud parents of 1,000 happy recyclers!

I've been composting with worms for over a year and found everything you need to know in this easy-to-understand book. The author does a fabulous job of educating the reader to all things "worm". The book covers planning, building/buying, and maintaining various types of worm composting bins (indoors, outdoors, small, medium, large) and thoroughly explains how to foster a happy, healthy, thriving "worm herd". I especially liked the Worm Bin Troubleshooting and FAQ sections to ease lookup.

This book is great for starting. I have read it cover to cover at least six times and realize that I am finding more to learn each time. This book, and, access to a vermiculturist I met through the Texas A&M extension service, have made me feel very comfortable as I prepare for my first harvest. Compost production and compost tea production are better than expected.

"Henry takes the guess work out of worm composting. He writes in a way that is easy and fun enough for a child to understand, yet engaging enough to keep me and other adults turning the page. If you're tired of scrolling through the seemingly endless amateur worm composting websites or through dense university vermicompost research sites, search no more - for this book is your one-stop-shop for all things worm compost." - David Valder, Co-founder, Crown Town Compost, Charlotte, NC

I think Henry does a good job with this book in general for the starting worm composter. He covers

most of the basic areas for doing a bin that is just for obtaining worm castings with a bin in your home or yard for the beginner, not dirt composting with worms (he says worms for castings live on top of the dirt) and I needed a combined in home approach for the home sprout and wheatgrass grower (outside bin or dirt pit is not realistic for the worms to not die in my area). I wrote to him and he said he had never done this and could not offer any feedback on it. I think his book is good, but I wish more time was spent on the bug issue from an in home bin. I am worried about my food plants. He mainly tells you about bugs in the bin for worm health. He does cover well some mistakes people make to have worms leave the bin and how to avoid those and covers food and worm care well. One TIP, buy Hay or Straw and wet it. It is way cheaper than wet newspaper for a four foot bin when he says you need it 3/4th full ideally with wet bedding. ALSO, WARNING: I bought from the buyer he links to his website and discusses in his book web-link which leads online to Nature's Little Recyclers. They sent me a pound of dirt with maybe 10 - 20 max alive worms in it and I paid for 1,000 worms. I wrote them about this and they did refund my money with Pay-Pal. I would call these people first before buying from them to see exactly what you will be getting as the add did not match up to what I received. I was glad they refunded my money and did honor their 100% guarantee. I am also not saying this happening is Henry's Fault. It may have been a disgruntled employee. I don't know. My suggestion instead, is to buy worms from a dealer you can see what you are getting in your home town before you pay and leave. Online is very scary and people can get dead worms or get ripped off or misled.

First this is a free booklet, but the information was presented nicely. The author writes as though he is talking to some one or perhaps a small group. He is a bit repetitive in a couple of places but it was not a distraction. Overall I found this to be rather folksy, although not entertaining it is clear and direct. I would recommend anyone buying this title! Now to purchase a tub with a lid and try out a bit of vermicomposting!

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