

# HOW TO HOST A WORM HOTEL

Purchase a worm bin online or in a store. To build your own, go to [www.susanfrazee.com/resources](http://www.susanfrazee.com/resources) for instructions. You will need: a Worm Hotel, bedding, worms, and food scraps!

## 1. Build

Location! Location! Find a cool spot for your hotel: a shady corner outside, in a shed or garage. Assemble according to instructions. If building your own, drill holes in top and bottom to allow air flow and drainage.



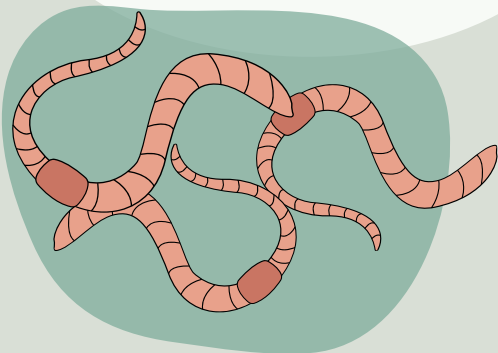
## 2. Bedding

Coconut coir, shredded newspaper, cardboard are all good materials for bedding. Make sure it's damp. It should feel like a squeezed out sponge.

## 3. Add Worms

Purchase worms from a worm farm, garden store or online. Place worms on top of bedding. They will burrow and make themselves at home!

Worms breathe through their skin which must stay moist. Too wet, they drown, too dry they suffocate!



Worms eat their body weight in scraps everyday!

## 4. Feed Worms

Start out slowly to let worms get established. Try a bowl of scraps per week. Worms reproduce quickly and will eat more after a month.



## 5. Check!

Is there enough food? Too much? Is it damp or too wet? As worms get established they multiply and need more food! Check at least weekly.



## 6. Add a Level

Once the first bin is full, stack the next bin on top. Add damp bedding and food scraps to encourage worms to move up to the next level.

## 7. Harvest!

After a few months, it's time to harvest! Bottom floor of hotel should be ready to put in garden. Single layer hotel: place bedding and scraps on one side for 1-2 weeks. Worms will move, leaving castings to harvest.

Worms reproduce fast: in a year 1,000 worms can become up to 16,000!



Happy Harvesting!

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