

# Building Your Worm Compost Bin

## Materials

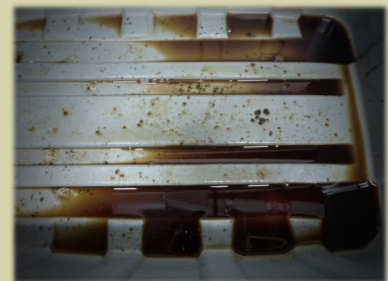
- 2 plastic containers, about 5-10 gallons. The size should be shallow as the worms are surface dwellers.
- 1 lid for the top plastic container.
- Drill and 1/4" drill bit.
- Newspaper.
- Organic waste.
- Red wiggler worms.

Worms can be sourced locally at the Pelion Garden, [www.peliongarden.org](http://www.peliongarden.org) for more information.



## Instructions

- Using a 1/4" bit, drill drainage holes in the bottom of one plastic bin.
- Drill air holes on each side of the plastic bin, near the top.
- Place the drilled container inside the non-drilled container. The bottom container will collect any liquids that drain from the top compost container. This nutrient rich liquid can be mixed with water and used when watering your plants.



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## Instructions (cont.)

- Shred or tear newspaper so that it completely covers the bottom of the bin and is about 1” in height. Lightly wet newspaper. This is the bedding where the worms live and absorb moisture.
- Add 3lbs of organic matter or food scraps on top of the bedding.
- Place worms on the organic matter.
- Shred or tear newspaper so that it completely covers the worms and organic matter and is about 1” deep. This top bedding will prevent odors and fruit flies from occurring.
- Drill at least 12 holes in plastic lid. Place lid on top container.

