

Harvesting Compost

After digesting the organics in the bin, the worms will have created **castings**, which is the final product—compost!

There are several different ways to separate the worms from these castings.

Food Relocation

This method takes about a month, and utilizes the worms natural inclination to migrate towards food. Move any un-composted scraps to one side of the bin. Add new food only towards this side. In about a month, the worms will have moved to the food side, leaving the finished compost behind for you to harvest.

Hand Picking

If you only need a small amount of compost, hand picking works well. Gather the finished castings in your hand, and pick out any worms or uncomposted scraps.

Relocation by Light

This harvesting method uses light to force the worms away from the finished castings. Gather your compost into small pyramids. Shine a bright light on to the top of the piles. The worms will burrow into the center, and you can harvest the top and sides.