

COMPOST WORM FACTS

Worms are measured by weight, the accepted being 250gms = 1000 worms (1kg = 4000+)

Worms can eat up to their own body weight per day.

Worms will NOT eat anything that is alive, BUT eat any dead organic matter turning it into their castings (manure)

Worms eat wet or damp paper and cardboard (they will not eat it dry)

Worm castings are pH Neutral and are suitable fertiliser for all plants.

Worms are Hermaphrodites, which means they are both male and female in one.

Worms are able to start producing at 3 months of age.

Worms can produce enough eggs to double their population within 6 to 8 weeks.

Worms can lay an egg every 10 days. Each egg (capsule) contain on average 3 baby worms. If the conditions are right the egg may hatch in about 21 days.

Worms live about 3 years, though they have been known to survive for up to 15 years.

Worms used for composting are: Reds (L.Rubellus), Blues (P. Excavatus), Tigers (E.Foetida)

Worms are popular for fishing. The Reds are the best compost worms for fishing. Tigers give off an unpleasant smell and are not suitable for bait.

Worm farms that are used for backyard recycling of vegetable matter and scraps usually need between 1000 and 3000 worms (minimum of 2000 to start a new worm farm)

Worm farming on a commercial scale can have upwards of 10,000,000 worms. Some grow them for live worm sales; others like ourselves grow worms for castings and liquid fertiliser.

Worms are wonderful workers and great for the environment and actually save Councils time and money by recycling organic matter into useful by-products. Kitchen waste, mulched trees and garden and lawn clippings, manure, paper and cardboard can all be eaten by worms. This saves space at your local waste disposal depot.

For further information on how worms can be used to help recycle waste either in a backyard situation, recycling of animal waste in a commercial setting like dairy, dog kennels or cattery, or recycling of larger quantities of waste organic materials in school, resorts, Councils, restaurants, or other facility, contact Beyond Worms on (07) 4157 6045.