

Composting with Worms – It's a Squirming Good Time

Master gardeners agree that compost made by worms is the most beneficial for your garden, lawn, and house plants. The Worm Factory, by Cascade Manufacturing Sales, uses an upward migrating design that makes producing this nutrient-rich "black gold" easy and effective!

As waste in the lower trays is converted to compost, worms migrate upward in search of sustenance. This means that when the lower trays are ready, most worms will have left that tray. This prevents you from having to go through trays, picking out worms by hand. Once a tray has been emptied, simply place the tray on the top of the Worm Factory and begin filling it again with waste such as kitchen scraps and paper waste. This cycling, stackable tray system also means the Worm Factory can produce nutrient-rich compost and "worm tea" at a faster rate than traditional forms of composting. Composting with worms eliminates the need for a compost pile and the constant turning associated with that type of composting. It is also odorless! Worms bins have grown in popularity because they are easy to use and designed for indoor and outdoor use, allowing you to compost year round.

The Sauk County Land Conservation Department, Green Plan-It, and Sauk County Master Gardeners are selling the Worm Factory compost bin for the only \$55 including tax, with a retail value of \$100. These bins are being marketed to make it easier for people to reduce their impact on the environment and our planet. The U.S. EPA estimates that each American throws away an average of 1.3 pounds of food scraps daily. Order forms are available on-line at co.sauk.wi.us or by contacting the Sauk County Land Conservation Department at ppohle@co.sauk.wi.us or 355-3245.
