



HUNGRY BIN TIMELINE

Your worms need time to acclimatise, multiply and grow for your Hungry Bin worm farm to work at full processing capacity.

Love the worm.
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WEEK 1

worms and bedding only,
no food yet



Week 1-2:

Setup your Hungry Bin with 75% bedding [cheap potting mix or compost] and add in 2000 worms.

Allow worms settle into their new home and explore the bedding.

WEEK 2 - 6

worms multiplying;
build up food week by week



Week 2-3:

First feed, no thicker than 25mm spread over surface. Repeat when half of the food has been eaten.

There may only be minimal worm activity.

Week 3-6:

Feed every 3-4 days, don't add food until half the previous layer of food has been eaten.

WEEK 6-12

worms reaching critical mass;
feed every few days



Week 6-12:

Feed every 1-3 days, or as soon as half the previous layer has been eaten.

Worms should have doubled in population; there will be a noticeable increase in activity, and castings layed over feed.

WEEK 12+

worms at peak population;
feed up to 2kg per day



Week 12 -16:

Feed as required, by now you will be working with the worms and be an expert!

Week 16-20:

System should reach optimum performance and maximum population – over 10,000 worms!
Keep the feed layer no more than 50mm thick, and add lots of paper!

TOP TIPS FOR HEALTHY WORM FARMS

Add food only when half of the previous feed has been eaten - overfeeding is a common problem.

Add plenty of carbon - shredded paper or cardboard, dry lawn clippings etc - about the same quantity [by weight] as the organic matter you are adding...

Sprinkle with water to moisten the carbon matter, or if the bin is looking dry.

Sprinkle your bin with lime every week to keep it 'sweet' and pH neutral.

Keep your Hungry Bin cool - out of the full sun, and add a frozen water bottle during heatwaves.

Adding carbon matter and lime is a great cure-all for most worm farm problems, including flies, bugs and smells.

www.wormlovers.com.au/FAQs for more tips

HARVESTING

Liquid comes straight through the system and into the tray below - you don't have to unclip the tray to access it.

Check the tray for castings every 8-12 weeks, depending on how much you are feeding your worms.

