

Whoohoo, it's almost summer!

That means it's almost time to harvest your worm bins! What does "harvesting your worm bins" mean, exactly? Well, I'm glad you asked.



Worms are composting champions!

Your worms have been hard at work all year turning all yummy food you've given them into *castings*. Castings are kind of like worm poop... but it's not as gross as it sounds! Castings are very similar to dirt that you'd find in the ground, except this dirt has lots of really important nutrients for plants and flowers. Harvesting your worm bin means collecting all of the castings out of the bin.

Is your bin ready to harvest?

You know that your worm bin is ready to be harvested when there's very little bedding (paper) or whole pieces of food left in the bin. If you still see lots of paper or leftover food in the bin, it might not be ready to harvest just yet!

What do we use the castings for?

There's lots of things you can use the castings for! If you want to keep them, you can use them to feed any plants in your classroom, or you can use them in a garden at your school. Or you can take them home and use them in your garden at home!

If you don't want to keep your castings, you can give them to the Worm Lady, and she can feed her flowers and plants at her garden. You can even come to the garden and help her feed her plants!

How do you harvest your worm bin?

If your class wants to harvest the worm bin together, just call the Worm Lady! She can check your bin to make sure it's ready to harvest, and then guide you through the harvesting process. It's pretty simple: you each take a pile of castings, and pick out all the worms and leftover food! The worms and food go into a new bin, and the castings can now be used.

If you don't have time to harvest your worm bin as a class, that's okay too. Call the Worm Lady and let her know, and she can harvest the worm bin with her friends at her garden.



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