

Worm Works!

A year of activities
to do with your
classroom worm bin



September

- Decide how worm bin activities can be integrated with math, science and social studies units.
- Schedule a Worm Bin workshop through the King County Green Team program.
- Get your worm bin container ready to go. (Decorations are fun.)

Find information about worm bin containers at

- your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/elementaryschool/documents/worms.pdf
- your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/naturalyardcare/wormbins.asp

- Collect leaves and paper for worm bedding.
- Plan a kick-off ceremony to release your worms into the bin.



October

- Guide your class in generating a list of ways worm bins benefit our community.
- Assign tasks for on-going worm bin care and maintenance.



November

- Go out and remove leaves from schoolyard storm drains to reduce flooding.
- Add leaves to your worm bin.
- Collect a garbage bag or two of extra leaves to save for replenishing your worm bin in the spring.

December

- Conduct a worm bin exploration with magnifiers to check on the condition of your team of decomposers.

Read about compost critters at www.jetcompost.com/burrow/index.html

January

- Have each student research one organism in the worm bin food web and make a poster or presentation about it.

For a soil web food chart go to en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soil_food_web

February

- Plan a way to share your worm bin knowledge with the community. For example, create traveling presentations to take to other classes at your school, make a brochure to send home, or hold a worm bin fair to educate classroom families.

March

- Harvest the soil in your worm bin and plan how you will use it.
- Add inorganic amendments, such as sand, to the harvested soil.

Read about building healthy soil at your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/naturalyardcare/healthysoil.asp

April

- Use your soil to plant a garden for food, flowers, or schoolyard landscapes.

Learn about environmentally friendly gardening at www.kingcounty.gov/environment/stewardship/nw-yard-and-garden.aspx

May & June

- Harvest and eat garden crops grown in worm bin soil.
- Plan to have someone take your worm bin home to care for it over the summer.

