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Worm Bins

You can build a worm bin out of an opaque plastic tub or out of wood. In fact, lots of different containers can be used to make a worm bin, but whatever container you choose, it must have these three characteristics:

1. Be dark inside
2. Have a tight-fitting lid
3. Have air holes and drainage.

If you'd prefer to purchase a worm bin, please refer to the [Worm Bin Suppliers](#) list.

Plastic tub worm bin construction

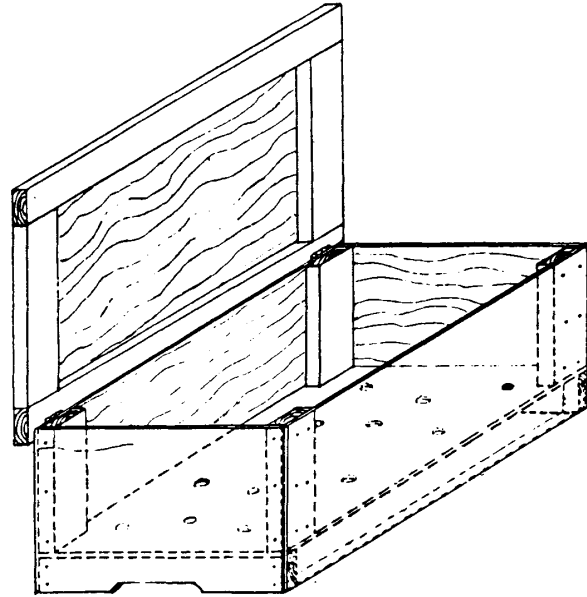
Purchase a large opaque plastic tub with a tight-fitting lid. To give the worms air, you will need to drill small holes in the sides of the tub. The contents of a worm bin will contain excess moisture, so to allow for drainage, drill small holes in the bottom of the tub. Note that if keeping the worm bin inside, you will need to capture the liquids that drain out of the bin. As an alternative, do not drill drainage holes and simply soak up the excess liquid with the newspaper used as bedding or use a turkey baster to draw it out. This, however would require more attention than if the container had drainage holes.

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- Yard Waste Bin Guide
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Wood worm bin construction

To download instructions to build your own worm bin out of wood, [click here](#) (PDF file, 43KB).



For a text version of the EZ worm bin, [click here](#).

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