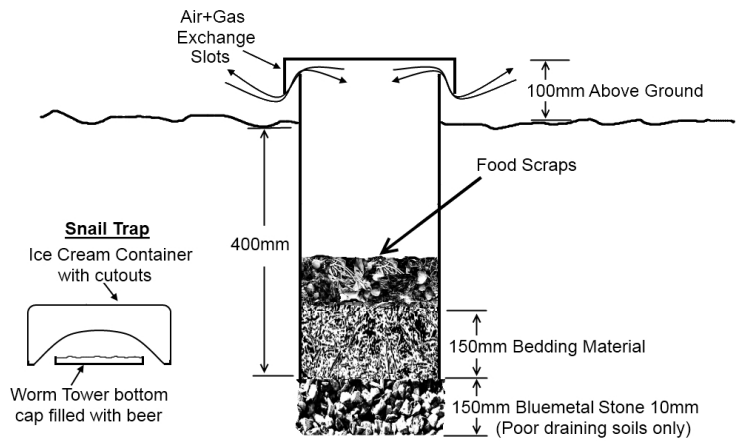


# Instructions



- Choose a position for your Worm Tower, preferably in the middle of your Birdies garden bed or divide equally if using more than 1 worm tower. If you are placing your worm tower in the garden or next to a fruit tree ensure the soil is free draining, if it is not place 100mm – 150mm of blue metal gravel in the base of the hole underneath you Birdies Worm Tower.
- If tree roots are a problem around fruit trees and in the garden, scraping a garden hand trowel on the inside of your tower to trim them is suitable and or repositioning the worm tower occasionally is advised
- Bury your worm tower 400mm into the soil leaving 100mm exposed above ground level. Before placing your tower into the hole remove the bottom cap, **this bottom cap** can be used as a beer trap. Place the cap into the garden bed fill to the top with beer and cover it with an ice cream container, snails love beer more than your veggies they will drink it and drown
- A minimum of 500 compost worms is recommended however 2000 is ideal. Worms will double approximately every 10 weeks provided they are fed regularly.
- Inside your worm tower bedding is required for the worms to live in, this consists of shredded newspaper and cow manure. Approximately 150mm of bedding is required. Give this a light watering until moist but not wet.
- Add compost worms
- Add a small amount of fruit and vegetable scraps. Finely chop the scraps so the worms can digest them quickly. Microwaving the scraps for 30 – 40 seconds before placing in the worm tower is also suitable. This method breaks the cell walls of the scraps therefore speeding up the decomposition process.
- Place supplied lid onto your Birdies Worm Tower. The lids on the Worm Tower have a series of small channels on the underside. This allows for excess gases to escape and allows for fresh air exchange. If you find small vinegar flies are becoming an issue cover the scraps with a thin layer of soil from your garden bed.
- Add small amounts of food every week for a few months. If scraps are still present a week later you will need to reduce the amount you are feeding your worms. If you are finding you have an oversupply of scraps adding another Worm Tower is advised.
- Keeping the worms moist but not wet is important. There is moisture in the scraps you are feeding them. The in ground nature of this Birdies worm tower ensures optimum moisture as well as temperature levels. If your worm tower is starting to smell add a handful of garden lime, this will neutralize the food scraps.
- After several months it may be necessary to empty your tower or set up new towers in and around your garden. If emptying your tower remove the worms and casting and spread all the material onto a piece of shade cloth that is laid over a shallow tray. Place this in the sun and the worms will all migrate to the tray below. The cast that is left over is ideal to improve soil in your veggie beds. You can do this by mixing it into the top layer of soil or each time you plant a new seedling place half a handful into the planting hole and stand back!
- WHAT TO FEED YOUR WORMS
- Do not feed Onions, Oranges, Lemons Mandarines or Pineapple also no meat or dairy as this will attract flies and vermin. Paper, Cardboard, Hair, Grass clippings, kitchen scraps, leaves are all fine, they will eat most things as long as it not acidic and do not feed them toxic material such as treated wood shavings.

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