

What to Expect in the First 12 Weeks



WEEKS 1 - 2

Your worms will explore their new Worms Downunder Worm Habitat and settle into the bedding. They may act as if they are trying to escape, but continue to place them back into that habitat and they will eventually settle into their new home. There will only be minimal worm activity. You can start feeding straight away but in small quantities. We suggest an amount equivalent to 1/4 of the weight of your worm population is appropriate i.e. If you have 1kg of worms (equivalent to approximately 4,000 worms), feed approx 250g of food.

Wait for half of the food to be eaten before you feed them again.



WEEKS 3 - 4

Worm activity will start to increase and leachate (excess moisture) may start to be emptied through the tap in minimal quantities. Continue to feed once 1/2 the last food has disappeared. This will begin to take less time as the population starts to grow.



WEEKS 5 - 6

Worm activity should now have normalised and you can start feeding increased volumes with more regularity. Leachate may have increased, you can either put this on your ornamental gardens, or you can recycle back into the top of the worm habitat to assist in maintaining moisture levels.



WEEKS 6 - 12

Your worms should now begin breeding and increasing in population as well as feeding regularly. By the end of the 12th week your worms should be close to doubling in population. You will be looking to harvest your first worm castings ('black gold!'). Castings are full of beneficial microbes and nutrients and are amazing for improving soil and plant health - add to your garden and watch it thrive!



WEEKS 12+

Worm numbers will continue to double approximately every 12 weeks until they reach the optimal population and processing capacity for the size of your worm habitat. This of course may be impacted by local environmental conditions (temperatures, humidity etc.) and the way the habitat is managed and maintained.