A year of activities to do with your classroom worm bin

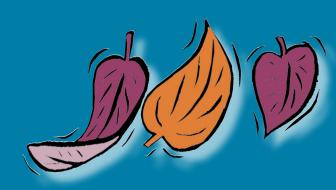


September.

- 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.



December

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

October.

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- 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.

January.

• Have each student research one organism in the worm bin food web and make a poster or presentation

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.

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

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

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

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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.

This material will be provided in alternate formats upon request. King County Solid Waste Division, 206-296-4466, 1-800-325-6165, ext. 6-4466 TTY Relay: 711, your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste



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