

WHERE TO ORDER WORMS FOR VERMICOMPOSTING

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The best worms for vermicomposting are the “Red Wigglers” (*Eisenia fetida*) or Redworms (*Lumbricus rubellus*.) These worms are known as the workhorse in the composting world.



The following are some online sites to buy your worms (Some have extensive information and offer related resources.):

www.talaverde.com

(Reference site with California sources)

www.vermipro.com

(714-647-1275, Santa Ana, California)

www.vierraswormfarm.com

(877-FOR-WORM, San Andreas California)

www.wormwoman.com

(269-327-0108, Kalamazoo Michigan)

www.happydranch.com

(888-989-1558, Visalia California)

How many will you need? Here's a simple formula: These worms, if happy and healthy, can typically eat half their body weight in food waste each day. Calculate how much food waste you produce in one week and divide by seven to get the average weight per day. So for example, if your household produces 7 lbs. of food waste per week, divided by seven, you have one pound of food waste per day, so you would need 2 lbs. of worms to handle your average food waste. (One pound of worms is equal to approximately 1,000 worms.) *Note: You can always start with one pound and see how they perform and how quickly they reproduce.*