City of Culver City
Public Works
Environmental Programs and Operations Division
What are you having for lunch?
Finished?
What is vermicomposting?

Worm composting, also called vermicomposting, is a method of composting that uses worms to recycle food scraps.

Red worms are placed in a bin or box, eat your kitchen scraps and leftovers, and in return, produces great compost for your garden.
Why Compost?

• We are running out of space to bury trash!
• Composting helps grow better veggies
• It is fun discovering what your worms can do!
• Composting helps us do something good for the environment.
• Red worms do not have teeth.
• They do not have eyes, but instead use their skin cells to detect light and heat.
• They only live one year.

How fast are worms?
They can travel 1 foot in 3 minutes.

One pound of worms = about 1,000 worms

Those worms can eat their body weight every 2 days!
Six Steps

1. Learn
2. Set-Up
3. Add Bedding
4. Add Worms
5. Feed Your Worms
6. Keep Warm & Moist
**Happy Worms are Vegetarians!**

**Healthy Foods = Good**
- Strong and happy worms prefer healthy foods like:
  - Lettuce
  - Carrots
  - Grapes
  - Apples
  - Cucumbers
  - Broccoli

**Meat & Sugary Foods = Bad**
- No meats or bones
- No candy
**Bedding:** Worms live in and feed off their bedding. Bedding must be high in carbon and loose. Shredded newspaper, sawdust, hay, cardboard, burlap sacks, or coconut coir works great.
It takes 4-6 months to see all your worms’ hard work turn into great compost for your gardens. Your plants will love you for it!
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