
The hardest thing about worm composting...

Posted by sbryce - 2008/11/03 12:25

...is leaving them alone. I can't be the only person who likes to prod around in the bin. Or do you eventually learn to leave them alone?

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Re:The hardest thing about worm composting...

Posted by Wildcatt88 - 2008/11/03 12:50

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Re:The hardest thing about worm composting...

Posted by WilhelmGGW - 2008/11/04 08:09

Yeah, that's a problem all right. When I first started, I wanted to dig down in the bedding, checking on the critters and everything else. Then I found I had a real problem with my bin overheating, because of all the stirring I was doing. Like stirring a hot compost pile to keep it as active as possible. With the well-being and livelihood of the herd at risk, that was a real no-no!

Now I sit on my hands, deliberately walking "by faith, not by sight." And restricting my observations to what's going on on the bin surface.

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Re:The hardest thing about worm composting...

Posted by Larry C - 2008/11/04 13:23

Wildcatt88 wrote:

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Yep, best way is to play with different foods on the surface and peak under them to see what they're doing. Interesting how a piece of melon rind becomes just a skin after a while and the worms underneath are solid. I even put a couple of cheetos on my beds today :lol:

Larry

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Re:The hardest thing about worm composting...

Posted by wormwrangler - 2008/11/04 14:39

:laugh:

That was the hardest thing for me to stop!

After a few years though you will be able to look at the bedding and tell right away how things are doing. You wont need to dig around checking them out LOL.

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Re:The hardest thing about worm composting...

Posted by Wildcatt88 - 2008/11/07 23:56

Another thought is having several bins. Maybe 6-7, so you can play in one every day and not be bothering one bin but

once a week! LOL :laugh:

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Re:The hardest thing about worm composting...

Posted by redhen - 2008/11/08 19:15

cleaning my fingernails...

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Re:The hardest thing about worm composting...

Posted by wellsworms - 2008/11/10 07:23

redhen wrote:

cleaning my fingernails...This is so true

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Re:The hardest thing about worm composting...

Posted by jane86 - 2009/09/19 15:28

I totally agree! I always look at it and can't resist taking a peek at them. If they could only talk they will probably be nagging me everytime they see my face. lol :laugh:

Post edited by: jane86, at: 2009/09/19 15:32

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