



# WRIGGLY WRANCH

## BASICS

\* *Note: Contains one liquid collector tray and 3 perforated working trays.*

### ◆ PLEASE READ THE MANUAL SUPPLIED WITH THE WRIGGLY WRANCH

### ◆ SET-UP

1. Soak Coir (coconut) brick in pail of warm water, break up brick
2. Assemble Parts
  - Screw on tap to liquid collector tray
  - Clip on legs (2 right, 2 left)
  - Snap air-vent covers into end of lid
3. Place one working tray on top of liquid collector tray
4. Put cardboard in bottom of perforated working tray
5. Spread half of soaked Coir evenly on cardboard in working tray
6. Bury 1 quart of finely chopped food in bedding
7. Add worms (do during the day, since they are light-sensitive and will bury themselves in the coir), cover Coir with layer of soaked newspaper
8. Put lid on Wriggly Wranch

### ◆ DO'S AND DON'T

- YES: **fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and filters, tea bags (remove staples), crushed eggshells**
- **The more finely chopped the food, the faster the worms will eat it**
- NO: **meat, dairy, bones, fish, greasy foods, metals, plastics, or glass**
- ONLY A LITTLE: Grains, beans, bread, citrus and citrus peelings

### ◆ FEED BIN — DON'T DUMP AND RUN

- Always bury food under bedding (coir or shredded, damp newspaper)
- Start feeding the bottom working tray and when full, place the next tray (6-8 weeks) on top and add food and a layer of fresh bedding — **Feed upper tray only!**
- Bedding in lower working trays must touch the bottom of higher working trays for worms to migrate up to next working tray
- Repeat process when adding third working tray (another 6-8 weeks)

### ◆ HARVESTING

- Empty bottom working tray when contents look like dark black soil and most worms have migrated up to the second and third working trays

### ◆ USE FINISHED COMPOST ON YOUR PLANTS

- Sprinkle on the soil of houseplants, or dig into your garden soil
- Use compost "tea" from collector tray as liquid fertilizer
- Dilute compost "tea" 3 parts water to one part "tea"

### ◆ TROUBLESHOOTING

- For fruit flies, or if bin smells, feed less if food is not being eaten quickly (you may also try ½ cup sprinkled glacial rock dust or limestone from nursery – not construction lime; remove citrus peelings)
- Always bury food waste under bedding, add more bedding if necessary

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