



Worms for your wormery



What type of worms do I need?

Usually Tiger or Brandling/Red worms (scientific name *Eisenia foetida*) are used. These can be recognised by stripes of yellow or dark red colour on their bodies. There are other types of worms that you can use including *Eisenia andrei* (also known as *Dendrobaena*), *Lumbricus rubellus*, *Dendrodrilus rubidus*. It is also possible to use a mixture of different worms if you are a keen vermiculturalist. Earthworms from your garden (*Lumbricus terrestris*) are not suitable because they require different living conditions.

How many worms will I need?

Worms can eat their own weight in waste every day. The more worms that you start with will allow you to add more waste. The worms will breed in the wormery, and it will take around a year for the wormery system to get up to full speed, by which time you should have a healthy population of thousands of worms. You will probably need to start with 100 to 500 worms, depending on the amount of waste you intend add.



Where can I get hold of worms for a wormery system?

Fishing shops are usually a source of the *Dendrobaena* worm used as fishing bait. The worms are often sold in tubs of 20-30, from £1.50 per tub. Some shops can supply larger quantities (from around £7.50 1/4kg), however you may need to call to pre-order a large number.

Bexhill-on-Sea

- Hook Line & Sinker, Sackville Rd, Bexhill-on-Sea Tel 01424 733211

Eastbourne

- Tony's Tackle, 211 Seaside, Eastbourne BN22 7QT
Tel 01323 731388/739562

Hastings

- A R Tackle, 8 Castle Street, Hastings Tel 01424 422094
- S H Tackle, 58 Bohemia Road, St Leonards-on-Sea
Tel 01424 431583
- Steve's Tackle Shop, 38 White Rock, Hastings TN34 1JL
Tel 01424 433404

Lewes

- Percys Fishing Tackle, 9 Cliffe High Street, Lewes BN7 2AH
Tel 01273 473207

Peacehaven

- Peacehaven Angler, 135 Southcoast Road, Peacehaven BN10 8PA
Tel 01273 586000

Polegate

- Polegate Angling Centre, 101 Station Road, Polegate BN26 6EB
Tel 01323 486379

Rye

- Strike-A-Bite Fishing Tackle, 4 Cinque Ports Street, Rye TN31 7AD
Tel 07946 852971

Uckfield

- Uckfield Angling Centre, 212a High St, Uckfield TN22 1RD
Tel 01825 760300

Wadhurst

- Wadhurst Rod & Line, Wellington Pl, Sparrows Green, Wadhurst TN5 6SW
Tel 01892 783231

Worms by mail order

You can also order worms from a range of mail order companies. They will be posted to you securely. Ensure you are there when they are delivered or collect them promptly from the Post Office or you may have an unpleasant experience when you open them up!



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Original Organics originalorganics.co.uk Tel 01884 841515
The Bin Company thebincompany.com Tel 0845 602 3630



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