



worm hotels

TROUBLESHOOTING



Most of these problems can be reduced or eliminated by having the correct location for the worm hotel, adding the correct material to the bin and always using compostable bags for the food scraps.

1. WORM HOTEL SMELLS BAD

Possible Causes

- » Overfeeding
- » Uncovered food scraps
- » Too much liquid
- » No drainage

Things to try

- » Feed less
- » Cover all food scraps
- » mix in small dry leaves or shredded paper

2. WORM HOTEL ATTRACTS FRUIT FLIES

Possible Causes

- » Exposed food scraps
- » Over feeding

Things to try

- » Bury all food scraps
- » Build a fruit fly trap

3. WORM HOTEL IS TOO WET

Possible Causes

- » Overfeeding
- » Uncovered food scraps
- » Too much liquid
- » No drainage

Things to try

- » Feed less
- » Cover all food scraps
- » mix in small dry leaves or shredded paper

4. WORM HOTEL IS TOO DRY

Possible Causes

- » Dry bedding added
- » Too much air flow/ventilation

Things to try

- » Spray worm hotel with spray bottle of water
- » Add several sheets of soaked newspaper to top of hotel



5. WORMS ARE LEAVING THE HOTEL

Possible Causes

- » Overfeeding
- » Uncovered food scraps
- » Too much liquid
- » No drainage

Things to try

- » Feed less
- » Cover all food scraps
- » mix in small dry leaves or shredded paper



6. COMPOSTING WORMS ARE DYING

Possible Causes

- » Extremely bad conditions inside hotel (way too wet or dry)

Things to try

- » Correct hotel conditions

7. RODENTS IN YOUR WORM HOTEL

Possible Causes

- » Outdoor worm hotel exposed food scraps
- » Overfeeding

Things to try

- » Keep worm hotel sealed
- » Reduce feeding amount
- » Cover all food scraps with bedding

