

Beneficial Bug Boot Camp Exam – Earth Worms (EW)

YOUR NAME

GARDEN CENTER NAME

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

YOUR PHONE NUMBER

YOUR ADDRESS (THIS IS WHERE YOU WANT US TO SHIP YOUR "BUG MASTER" PIN AND CERTIFICATE AFTER YOU'VE PASSED ALL FIVE TESTS)

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1. Earth worms are commonly known as red black brown wigglers.
2. Earth worms are one of the most effective agents for loosening and aerating the soil. True False
3. In soil where earth worms have been introduced, there are more nutrients and oxygen available for the roots, softer soil for improved root growth, and therefore more beautiful and productive plants. True False
4. Earth worms are effective decomposers, consuming organic materials and converting it to powder castings everlasting which return the soil to a neutral PH.
5. Earth worms provide aeration, micronutrients, and protect against disease by fortifying a plant's resistance to whiteflies and other insect infestations. True False
6. After purchase, the consumer should place the container in a cool place until they are ready to release the earth worms. To release, dig several holes throughout the garden, 1/2 foot (6 inches) in diameter and one foot deep and soak the holes with water and let it drain. True False
7. After digging the hole(s) put a little compost, food scraps, or garden waste in each hole and then add a basket handful shovel-full of earth worms in each hole and then loosely fill the holes with soil or compost and keep the area watered. For trees and shrubs, locate the holes around the drip line of the plants.
8. Organic Control supplies a 1/2 cup of earth worms in a bed of core and peat moss with approximately 50-75 150-300 500-1,000 earth worms in various stages of development.
9. If the earth worms are in your garden center for more than a few hours 10 to 14 days a year we suggest you add a small citrus peel to the cup so your worms can feed off of it and restore the correct PH.
10. In your garden center, keep earth worms in a refrigerator with an ideal temperature of 45 to 50 degrees True False



Submitting your test for grading

Once you've completed ALL FIVE TESTS, please scan (or take a clear picture of) them and email them to bugmaster@organiccontrol.com. Or fax your finished sheets to (310) 830-3025. Your test results will be emailed to you at the email address you've supplied above. Complete all 5 tests successfully and you'll become an official **BUG MASTER** with a certificate and an apron pin to wear with pride.