

WHAT'S IN THE BAG?



worms



cocoons



springtails

As soon as you open the bag, you'll smile with delight. When you see the dark chocolate, fluffy, moist material, you'll know your plants will love it! Will you find worms? Very possible! Worm eggs too, aka cocoons. They're tiny though, so in a few weeks if you see small worms, that's where they came from! You might see tiny white bugs too. Those are springtails and are beneficial; they'll go to work doing specific tasks once in the soil.

The rest of the worm magic is invisible... microbes just waiting to get into your soil and interact with minerals and roots. Get what you need and use it up...it does no good in the bag. And once it dries out, many of the microbes will go to sleep. So whatever is left over, seal the bag tightly to retain moisture.

Think of it this way -- Black Diamond VermiCompost is PROBIOTICS FOR SOIL! Food for soil, vitality for your plants and home-grown nutrition for you and your family! Just makes you want to go dig in the garden, doesn't it?

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latin for worm
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decomposed & recycled
organic matter

HOW MUCH IS NEEDED?

A lot less than you might think. Depending on the size of the plant you're feeding, you'll use a small handful when transplanting or a couple quarts for a large rosebush. Once in the soil, Black Diamond VermiCompost:

- adds "life" to roots which in turn grows nutritious food
- adds immediately available nutrients*
- has high porosity and water-holding capacity*
- shortens germination time when used with seed mix*
- defends against disease*
- provides high rates of mineralization of nutrients ie ammonium, nitrates, phosphorus, calcium and magnesium*
- tests low in C:N ratio-won't burn delicate roots*

Start with an amount appropriate for the size of your plant. See label for directions. Observe the response. If short term, more may be needed. This is not fertilizer. It works with fertilizer, making those inputs more effective.

Bottom line...growing good food and having beautiful flowers and trees should be enjoyable, not frustrating! We know what it takes. Call us, we're local, community-minded and happy to help.

*qualities of worm castings are paraphrased from *Vermiculture Technology*, (2011) Edwards, Arancon, Sherman.



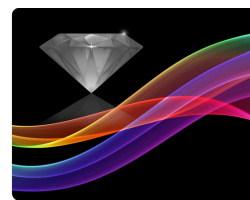
Left: just 2 tbsp Right: none applied
trial period 1 month

If you could control anything in your life, we at Black Diamond believe what you eat should be at the top of your list. Your food has a huge effect on your health and wellbeing.

You already know worm castings are a wonderful, all natural food for your soil. But is Black Diamond VermiCompost better than another? Most definitely. Does it not make sense that if controlling your food is important, then understanding the soil and what you feed it that grows your food in is the first step? At Black Diamond we control everything about what our worms produce – what they eat, when they eat, how much they eat, how happy they are (think cage-free chickens) how comfortable they are (think Calif happy cows).

In the world of science, this translates into superior lab results. We can prove when you buy Black Diamond VermiCompost, you are buying an excellent quality product. And it even comes in a bag that makes you feel good before you even use it!

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