

Worm Bin Accessories

Compost thermometer - this long, metal thermometer is perfect for measuring temperature and subsequently, monitoring the health of the worms. The thermometer is long enough to reach the center of the bin to ensure an accurate temperature reading. It can be inserted through a hole in the side of the bin or the top. Allow a minute for the reading to stabilize. Be sure to remove before using tools in the bin, as they are fragile. The temperature marking guides are for active, hot compost piles, not worm bins. Worms won't be happy or healthy in temperatures above 80°F.

[Amazon.com : REOTEMP Backyard Compost Thermometer - 20" Stem, with PDF Composting Guide \(0-200 Fahrenheit\) : Outdoor Thermometers : Garden & Outdoor](#)

Worm farming thermometer - this is a shorter thermometer that is only used from the top of the bin, not the side. An advantage to this type is that the temperatures are clearly marked for worm comfort, not a hot compost pile.

[Amazon.com : Worm Farming Thermometer for Live Red Wiggler Compost Bins - Accessories Keep Your Worm Composting Container Safe! - an Essential Part of Any Worm Farm Starter Kit - Perfect for Kids & Adults : Garden & Outdoor](#)

Laser thermometer - this is useful for quickly measuring surface temperatures and to easily compare sun/shade areas. Students love to use these.

[Amazon.com: Kizen LaserPro LP300 Infrared Thermometer Non-Contact Digital Laser Temperature Gun with LCD Display -58°F to 1112°F\(-50°C to 600°C\) Adjustable Emissivity \(NOT for Humans\): Home Improvement](#)

Scale - a tube scale is used to weigh the amount of food scraps being diverted and fed to the worms. It is small, easy to use and can be a one to three person activity. For containers that are heavy for the students, a broom handle or equivalent can be inserted through the handle of the scale to be held up by two students while third student takes the reading.

[Amazon.com : Rapala Tube Scale 25lb : Fish Scales : Sports & Outdoors](#)