



Instructions for **Culturing Blackworms**

On arrival

You should empty the container they arrive in into a container/ bucket of cool, aged water and swirled thoroughly by hand. Worms will settle and regroup within a minute or so. Do not leave worms in the rinse bucket for more than a few minutes.

Water should then be poured off slowly (careful not to pour out worms) through a fine plastic sieve.

Before receiving your shipment

- Set up an area to house the worms. For example a 500gm of worms can be housed in box with a floor area of approximately 550mm x 350mm (in a hot summer periods it may be necessary to store them in double that space).
- Half fill the container/s with cool aged water.
- Place an air stone in each container for oxygen and to create vigorous water movement. Have on hand sufficient aged water to do at least one complete water change per container.

NOTE: In some areas the worms will survive well in straight tap water. As a general rule, if your fish won't survive in the water, neither will the worms.

Important hint

- The condition of the water must be checked regularly for cloudiness. If it has discoloured or has become even slightly cloudy, change it again with water of the correct quality parameters. Under these conditions the worms will keep for several weeks.

Water Quality – Change it every day, or more often if necessary, to keep it clean and ensure pH is about 6.7—7.0.

- Tolerated Temperature range 4 – 25°C
- We keep them at 15-18°C

Feeding

They are best fed a few at a time via a plastic tubifex feeder.