

## County of Santa Cruz Home Composting Program

# Free Worm Bins for Schools and Pre-Schools

Unincorporated County and Scotts Valley

The County of Santa Cruz works with Karin Grobe, also known as the "Worm Doctor," to present a free program to help teachers bring composting into the school curriculum. Composting with worms is nature's way of recycling, returning the valuable nutrients in food scraps to the earth.

## Small Worm Bins—Permanent or Loan

A classroom size worm bin will assist teachers in demonstrating concepts such as lifecycle, decomposition, worm physiology, ecosystems and organism interaction. The bin can be kept indoors or out. Karin will make a presentation to your class, deliver and set up the bin and leave you with instructions on how to maintain it. Karin will check back periodically to see how the worms are doing and will be available to troubleshoot any problems. A teacher's curriculum guide and food scrap collection pail are included with the bin. You can keep the bin indefinitely, or return it to Karin for school breaks or when no longer needed.



## Large Worm Bins for Cafeteria Food Scraps

A large worm bin can be located in the school garden and used to compost cafeteria scraps. Karin will deliver and set up the bin, provide instructions on how to maintain it, and help you set up a cafeteria scrap collection program. Karin will check back periodically to see how the worms are doing and will be available to troubleshoot any problems. A teacher's curriculum guide and food scrap collection buckets are included with the bin.



## Who to Contact

If you are interested in a worm bin for your school garden or classroom or if you have any questions, please contact Karin Grobe at 831-427-3452.

This program is free to teachers and schools in the unincorporated area and Scotts Valley and is funded by Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors

