

Davo's Recipe for Making Worm Tea

This recipe is on the basis that it is made in a 200 litre drum. Portions will need to be enlarged or lessened if using other sized containers.

- 3 kgs approx. of Worm Castings
- 1 litre of Molasses or Brown Sugar*
- 1/10th litre of Fish Emulsion preferably organic, cold processed or 100 grams urea**.
- 200 litres of chlorine free water.

Mix well.

Aerate for 24 hours using a small fish tank aerator.

- * Sugar is preferable
- ** Davo prefers 5 10 mls of fish and a closed handful of urea

P.S. I also like to mix a couple of handfuls of granite rock dust in a bucket of water and then add the milky water to the mix.

PPS All measurements are approximate - it is forgiving

Application

Apply to pasture at the rate of 20 to 50 litres per hectare.

Care needs to be taken to filter the Worm Tea if applying through a pump or through boom spray nozzles.

Apply to garden at the rate of between straight and 1 litre mixed in 8 litres of chlorine free water. Pour over the leaves and allow some to drip in to the ground.

N.B. The success of using worm Tea depends very much on the amount of organic matter preserved in the soil. The microbes you are applying to the soil need an ongoing food supply in the form of decaying organic matter and their environment needs to be protected from the harsh sun i.e. good ground cover.

This is my simplified version of what is a very comprehensive and complex procedure. Experts working with compost teas spend a whole day on in their workshops just on this one topic.

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