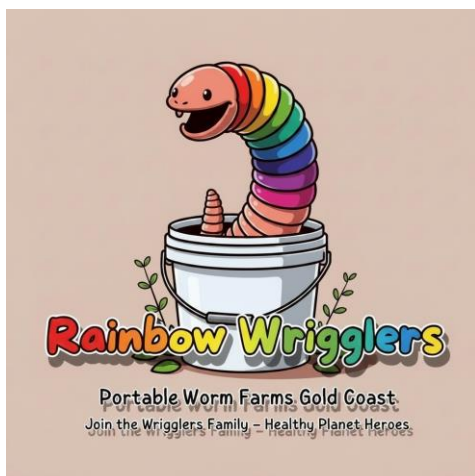




The liquid in the bottom of your bucket

It is leachate — not worm tea.

Here is how to use it safely.

What it actually is

The liquid that pools under the castings is leachate. Around here we just call it bucket juice. It is the moisture that has drained down through food scraps and bedding.

It is not worm wee. Worms do not wee like that. And it is not worm tea. Real worm tea is a separate brew made from finished castings in water. This juice is the leftover drain liquid.

Different product. Different rules.

Used the right way, it is a handy bonus feed for soil. Used neat, or on salad leaves, it is not worth the risk.

What we want you to remember

Two products in the bucket. The dark crumbly stuff is **castings** — that is the main event. The liquid underneath is leachate. Dilute one to ten, pour it on soil, wash your veg. That is the whole job.

The mix — always 1 to 10

Never pour it straight from the bucket onto plants. Dilute it first until it looks like weak tea.

Juice	Water	What you get
1 cup	10 cups	Watering-can mix
100 mL	1 litre	Small pot or planter
250 mL	2.5 litres	A few garden plants

Rule of thumb: 1 part juice + 10 parts water. If you are unsure, go weaker (1:15 or 1:20). Rainwater or tap water left to sit is fine. Mix, then use the same day. Do not store the diluted mix in a sealed bottle.

How to put it on plants:

- Pour onto the soil around the plant — not on the leaves.
- Keep it off stems and off anything you are about to pick and eat.
- Best on flowers, shrubs, lawns, ornamentals, and the soil around fruit trees.
 - For veggie beds: soil only. Then wash the harvest properly.
- Use every couple of weeks in the growing season. You do not need it every watering.
 - Water the garden as normal after, if the soil is dry.

Food plants — read this bit

Castings are the product we recommend for veggie gardens. The juice is a bonus liquid.

If you do use juice on food plants:

- Soil only. Never spray lettuce, spinach, herbs, strawberries or other leaves you eat.
 - Be extra careful with anything eaten raw.
- Wash all fruit and vegetables before you eat them — peel where you can. This is normal kitchen hygiene, not optional.
 - Keep pets and kids away from the wet soil until it has soaked in.

Smell test — when not to use it

Good juice smells earthy, like damp soil after rain. That is the batch you dilute and use.

If it smells rotten, sour, like vomit or old drains — do not put it on food plants. Do not put it on seedlings. Pour it on the lawn well away from the veggie patch, or tip it back into a working worm farm so the worms can process it again.

If it has been sitting sealed in the heat for weeks and smells off, treat it as spent. Do not guess.

Quick safety list

- Do not drink it. It is plant food, not people food.
 - **Do not use it neat. Always dilute.**
- Do not foliar-spray salad greens or herbs you eat.
- Wash hands after handling the bucket and the juice.
 - Wash all produce before eating.
- Our worms are fed plant scraps and cardboard only — no meat, dairy or pet waste. That keeps the juice cleaner, but it is still leachate, not a sterile brew.
- If someone in the house is unwell or immune-compromised, stick to the castings on edibles and use the juice on ornamentals and lawn only.

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