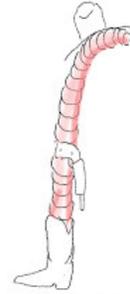


**HELLO**, and Happy Halloween! Do you know what your costume will be this year? A doctor, a teacher, a witch or perhaps a worm? We hope that you and your worms are settling in and that you are getting to know each other. Also we know that the time is approaching for Halloween goodies but remember that your worms are not huge fans of sweets. A little cake or a muffin or cupcake wrapper (make sure there is no icing!) is all they really like. Of course if you have any questions about your worms or the worm bin let the Worm Lady know!

Halloween party at the worm hole!



John Worm!

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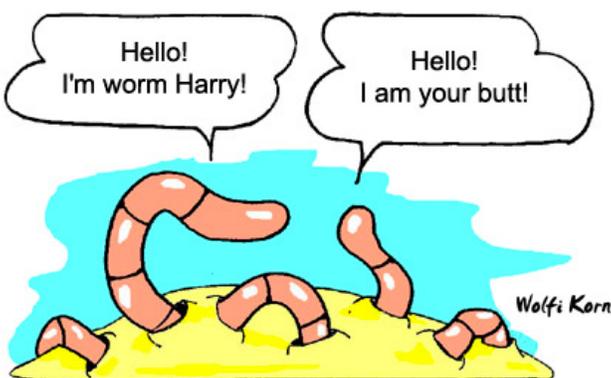
## ONE WORM? OR TWO?

While you are getting ready for Halloween you may be wondering if your worms are also preparing. What costume might they wear? Do you think your worm will be a ghost or maybe they will become two worms! While most of your worms are probably not going to be going trick or treating, they have all of the things they could possibly want in their worm bin, it is important to think about them becoming two worms.

Many of us have heard that if you cut a worm in half you will get two worms, but do you remember what the worm lady said? The worms that you have in your bin will not survive if they get cut in half. They will be okay if they lose a tip but there are many types of worms. Every kind of worm can lose a different number of segments without dying. When they are cut in two the head might grow a tail but the tail will never grow a head. Most of the worms that you would find in your garden would not live if they were cut in two but there are some that will.

A flatworm is a different kind of worm, that you will probably not find in your garden but that can live if it is cut in two, or three, or even twenty! It appears that a Planarian flatworm is able to

re-grow no matter how it is cut showing that there is some truly unique worms. Remember though just because there is 'worm' in its name does not mean that is like the worms in your bin. While your redwrigglers like water the flatworm live in water. So remember some 'worms' might live if they are cut in two but you should still be gentle and careful with the worms you find because you never know if it will live.



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