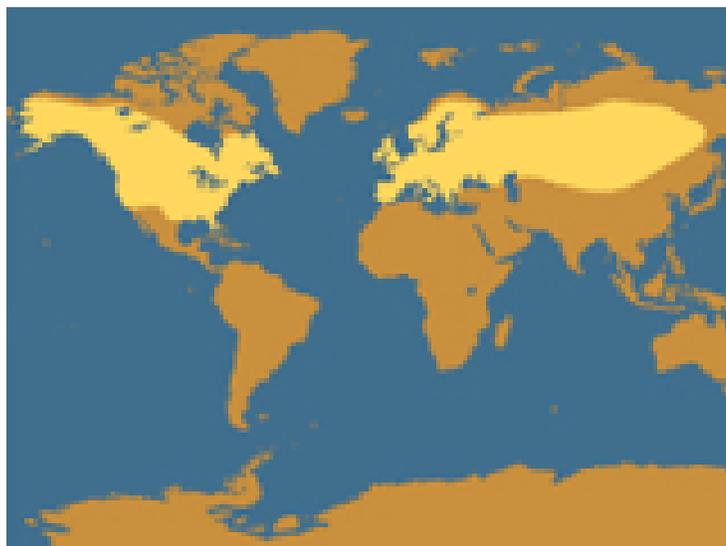


Welcome back to all you worm lovers out there! If you have any questions regarding your worms, or if you are new to the process and would like more information, please reach out to us by calling (250) 561-7327 or send us an email at thewormlady@reaps.org.

Where are worms from, and where are they found today?



Map courtesy of National Geographic

To the surprise of many, worms are not originally from North America. They are an introduced species from Europe, however with the similar climates, they have been able to thrive in most parts of this continent, and through into Western Asia.

Are your worms happy with their habitat?

Red Wigglers are very effective at communicating when they are unhappy or uncomfortable with their living conditions. When you open your bin, they may be on the walls searching for an exit, or they all will immediately proceed to the opening of the bin. If this is the case, ensure that you are feeding them adequately and their climate is appropriate—temperate and damp, without being too hot or too cool.

What kinds of habitats do our Red Wigglers appreciate?



Worms thrive in temperate climates, hence their presence here in the mid-sections of North America. They begin to get uncomfortable in temperatures lower than ten degrees. If you are keeping your worms outside, be sure to bring them indoors, such as into a garage or other enclosed heated space, during the winter months, particularly in this northern climate of ours. In many climates, such as down south or near the coast, insulating the compost-er is an option—unfortunately it simply gets too cold in Northern BC.

During our warmer months, such as September, it is best to keep worms in a cool, dry space. Shade is recommended for your bin, as well as ensuring it stays damp. Good bedding will ensure that moisture is retained.

Healthy Schools Initiative: Grant funding is available to schools through the Healthy Schools BC website, that combines and summarizes opportunities into one location:
<http://healthyschoolsbc.ca/healthy-schools-bc-resources/healthy-living-grants/other-healthy-school-grants/>

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