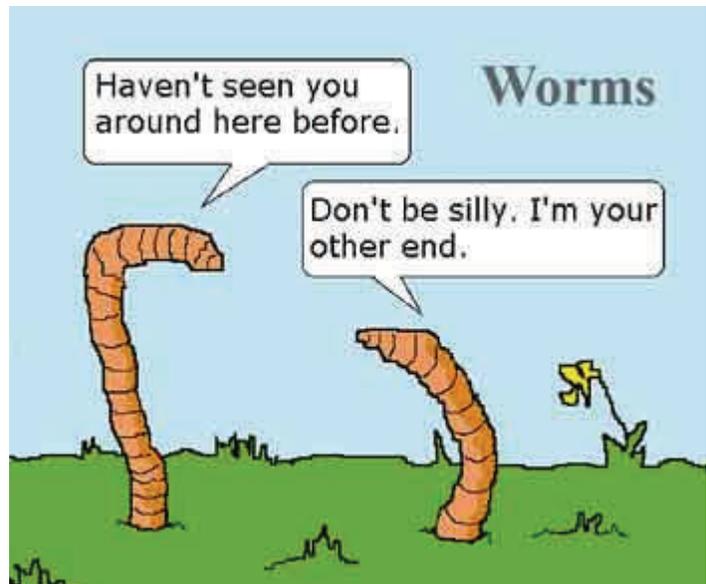


Happy New Year! and welcome back to school! Your worm friends missed you while you were away and are very happy to see you again so don't forget to say a quick hello. If you've noticed that some weird things have happened to your bin while you were away, check out the worm bin troubleshooting list below to get things back in order!

Worm Myths!

Worms have two very different ends. One is what you would call the face where the mouth can be found. The other end is where the castings come out.

If you slice a worm in half it won't make two new worms. One end will survive and carry on in its wiggly, squirmy way, while the other will die and become part of the soil. So be careful when you're digging through your worm bin to take a better look at your friends!



Worm Bin Troubleshooting:

Now is a perfect time to check to make sure the conditions in your worm bin are perfect.

Maggots: Maggots will show up if you have meat, oils or any other fatty products in your bin so keep them out!

Fruit Flies: Make sure you bury your food waste so it's covered and then change the location of the bin (i.e. across the room).

Worm Crawl/Escape: If you see what looks like worms trying to make a run for it up the sides of the bin, add more shredded paper or harvest the bin. The worms have either run out of food or the bedding is too wet. They may be looking for some "grit" add 1/4 cup more sand.

Rotten Smell: This is most likely because the bin is too wet. Try mixing in more shredded paper and give your bin a good fluff at the same time. Also, stop adding food until the moisture level has gone down a bit.

If you need more help feel free to call REAPS!

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