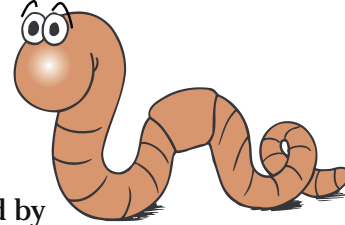


How do you compost a vermi? What is a vermi, anyway?

Vermi is the Latin word for “worm.”
(See, you’ve learned something already!)



The traveling Vermi-Case brings you everything but the worms!

Vermicomposting is an activity that can be enjoyed by students from kindergarten to college. The Vermi-Case includes all the preparatory information needed to set up a worm bin: books, videos, web sites, worm and worm bin resources.

Why would you want worms in your classroom or home? Here are five good reasons:

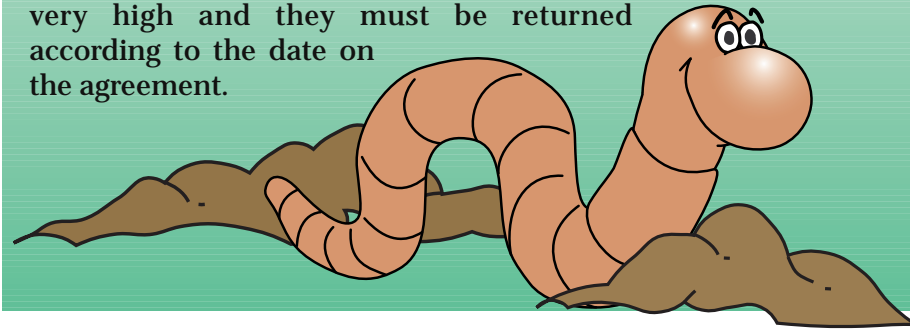
- 1 By taking care of a worm bin, students learn respect and responsibility for living creatures.
- 2 Worms are easy to take care of; no one has to watch them while you are gone, they make no noise, and they don’t hop around the classroom or your home.
- 3 They are excellent “source reduction machines.” Worms will eat leftover snacks and lunches.
- 4 They produce **castings**, which are the world’s most nutrient-rich soil.
- 5 Teaching about worms can meet all five **Illinois Learning Standards** goals.

Mailing/Shipping Procedure

Please request the case at least two weeks prior to the date needed to ensure availability. After receiving a case request, DCEO staff will respond with a confirmation, and will send the case via UPS. When the loan period is up (two weeks) a UPS employee will pick up the case.



The case should be placed at the regular UPS drop-off/pickup station at school, home or office. This shipping service is totally free of charge. However, if the case is not in the designated UPS pickup location making it readily available to the UPS driver, or if the case is not ready for pick up on the date specified, you will be responsible for shipping charges. The demand for the cases is very high and they must be returned according to the date on the agreement.



To schedule the Vermi-Case just fill out the attached agreement.

To request a case, fill out this form, obtain proper signatures, and mail to the ISTEP at DCEO, Bureau of Energy and Recycling, 620 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701.

Name _____
School/Organization _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
County _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____ Grade/Age Level ____/____
Date needed ____/____/____ Number of students to use the case _____

I agree to: *(Please read and check-off all requirements.)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Follow the shipping procedures outlined in this brochure and understand that I may be charged shipping fees (\$40-\$50) to overnight the case back to DCEO should I fail to comply with the procedures. | <input type="checkbox"/> Place the case in the usual UPS drop-off/pickup location after my two week loan period is up. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete a case evaluation form. |

Borrower's signature _____

Principal's Signature _____
(if applicable)

If you have any questions please call:
Brett Ivers at 217/524-5859
(e-mail: Brett.Ivers@illinois.gov)
TDD users please call 800/785-6055.





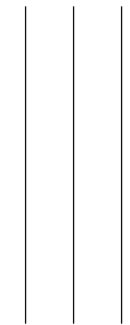
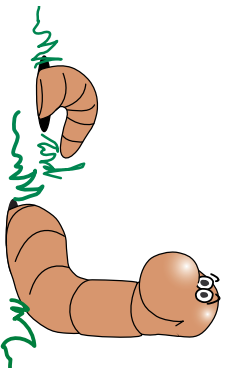
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