INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

We guarantee LIVE delivery! Do not let the box sit in direct sunlight. Open the bag immediately upon arrival and pour 1/2 a cup of water on your worms to begin the rehydration process.

Adding Red Wrigglers/European Nightcrawlers to your lawn, garden, or compost pile is one of the smartest and most environmentally friendly things you'll ever do. Why? Because their castings are one of nature's finest plant nutrients: 7 times richer in phosphates, 5 times richer in nitrogen, and 11 times richer in potash than the average lawn soil. Each worm will produce their body weight in castings each day!

Frequently Asked Questions on how to get started

Q: I just got my worms! What now?

A: Worms should be introduced to their new environment as soon as possible. Place them in the center of your garden, compost bin, or compost pile, sprinkle with water, and cover them with moist newspaper, peat moss, or top soil.

Q: How do I introduce the worms to my lawn or garden?

A: Loosen the soil of about 18 sq inches in the center of your garden/lawn. For lawns, rake the grass to get the soil a bit loose without creating an eyesore. Dump the whole bag of worms within that area. <u>DO NOT spread them out!</u> Cover with a wet piece of newspaper. The worms will naturally disperse themselves throughout within 24/48 hours. Red Wriggles thrive best in colonies.

Q: My worms seem really small and half dead! Should I be concerned?

A: Worms are shipped in bone dry peat moss to absorb all the moisture during shipment. This helps keep the worms from freezing in the Winter and, interestingly enough, keeps them from over-heating in the Summer. The worms can lose up to 70% of their body mass and weight during a 3-5 day trip through the mail. Don't be alarmed, this is normal and the worms bounce back within a couple of days once settled into their new home.

<u>Q: I put the worms in my composting bin and they are now crawling out of the bin! What did I</u> <u>do wrong?</u>

A: Probably nothing! For the first few days after shipment, your worms will be restless and busy. We recommend placing a light directly over the open bin for the first 24 hours. Worms don't like light and will be forced to burrow deeper into the bedding to escape, resulting in an accelerated adapting period. In rare occasions, restless worms can be a sign of hunger, dry soil, or some other discomfort. Make sure your bedding is as moist as a wrung out sponge and keep the temperature between 40-84 degrees.

Q: How fast will my worms grow/multiply?

A: Worms can double their population every 90 days!

Q: Can I ever have too many worms?

A: No, you cannot. Worms will naturally lay less eggs as their population becomes too dense within an area.