

# Red Worms



Nature's

Little

Decomposers

**People create a lot of garbage.**

**20% to 30% of trash is food waste.**





**-Eat all your food**



**-Bring water bottle & food containers**



**-Say “No” to straws**

**-Compost some of your food**



**There is an abundance of natural waste that can breakdown or rot in a compost container. This material turns into rich fertilizer which improves soil.**



Backyard composting can include hay, grass clippings, leaves, and food waste. Please use a rodent proof bin, if food scraps are added.





## INDOOR COMPOSTING

Use a clean plastic bin with lid.

- Poke or drill 6 to 8 holes in lid
- Add damp bedding(paper/peat moss)
- Add red worms (bait shop or online)
- Bury fruit and veggie scraps

•After 4 to 6 months, dump black fertilizer on plastic table cloth in garden. Pick out worms, fertilize plants, and start again.

•*READ..... Worms Eat My Garbage*  
by Mary Appelhof

As it all decomposes,  
add more bedding.





**Worm composting is called**  
**Vermicomposting**



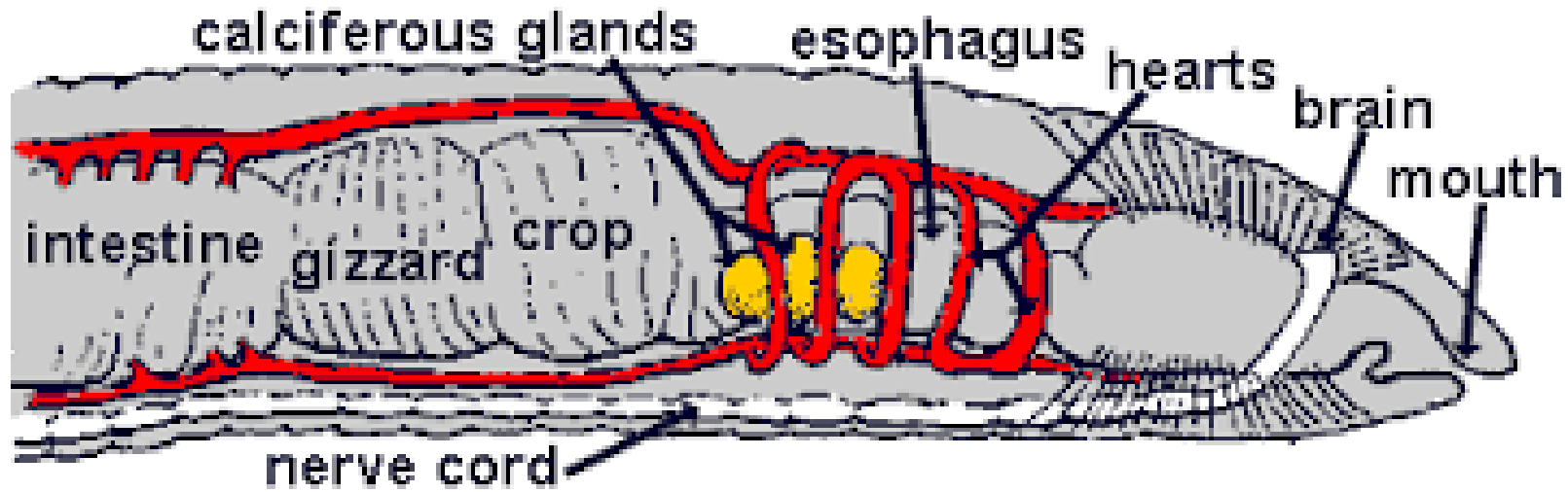
STEM PROJECT...Start with 50 worms  
and track cocoons and babies.



Babies come from cocoons



# Worm Anatomy



Composting  
happens naturally in parks.



# Composting happens in backyards.



Follow rules  
for your town or area!

Composting happens when we send our leaves and sticks away on a truck



# Worms Help the Earth

They.....

- Decrease organic waste
- Fertilizes soil and grow more food
- Loosen soil and help roots spread out





How would the world look if we had  
no worms?



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