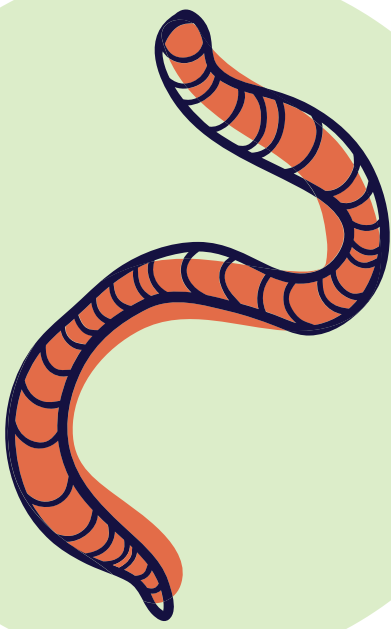


EARTHWORM MIDDENS

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EARTHWORMS

Earthworms can be a good basic indicator of soil health. In order to thrive, earthworms require sufficient surface residue (worm food) and a lack of disturbance.

WHAT IS A MIDDEN?

Middens can be hard to spot! They generally occur as 2-5 cm mounds of plant residue and earthworm "droppings". Some of the plant residue may be "pulled" into the soil



UNDER THE MIDDEN

Once the surface residue is carefully removed, there should be a small burrowed channel. This confirms it as an earthworm midden!

HOW DO YOU COMPARE?

To compare the # of middens across different areas, use a large hula hoop to define your midden count locations. Try different spots in a field or on your property. 10 - 15 middens per square metre is considered good.



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