

Organisms Kit Guidelines for Returning Critters

NOTE: A student in your class or yourself can opt to adopt any of the animals– to give them a home outside of the Science Center. The adopting person would have to provide an appropriate habitat and accessories. Be sure to acquire permission from the parents of any adopting students.

INVASIVES WARNING: DO NOT release living organisms into the local environment. Even though some of the organisms that are part of this kit unit may naturally occur in our local environment, they are probably native to a more southern zone and may contain invasive micro-organisms. Do not release them into the local environment – return them to the Science Center.

Living Organism	Packaging	Specifics
Bess Beetles	in one large terrarium	Pick one of the classroom terrariums for critter pick up. Move all of the Bess Beetles and the Isopods (pillbugs) to the one terrarium. Transport the terrarium to the office for pick-up.
Isopods		
Elodea and Cabomba (invasive)	in a large plastic bag placed in one small aquarium	Pick one of the classroom aquariums. Move the water, plants, guppies, and snails into the plastic bag provided in the kit. Set the plastic bag into the now empty aquarium. Move all of the guppies, snails and plants to this one plastic bag. Add water from the other aquariums as needed. Gather the top of the bag and lightly secure it with tape or a rubber band. Transport the plastic bag in the aquarium to the office for pick-up.
Snails		
Guppies		

School Office = Living organism pick-up location for all Schools.