

MYTHS ABOUT COMPOST

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1. COMPOST IS SOIL

This particular myth is untrue and could cause more issues than you might think. Compost may look a lot like soil, but it is NOT soil. This distinction is important because while you can plant directly into soil, you should never plant directly into compost. Instead, creating a mix of soil and compost, we recommend a 5-1 ratio, can add much needed nutrients to your plants and establish a stable place for them to grow.

2. COMPOST IS HUMUS

Compost and humus are easy to confuse. Compost is defined as organic material actively in the process of decomposition. Eventually, all of the nutrients are used up and what remains can no longer benefit plants and organisms. This remaining material is called humus. Humus is “inert” while compost is still “active”.

3. NEW PLANTS ONLY

One more myth is that compost can only be used on new plants. However, compost can be used in many other ways. Whether as an addition to existing soil, a topdressing for lawns, or to backfill trees, compost can add much needed nutrients to even well-established projects. Compost can be beneficial to any plant life, old or new.

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