



Discovering the Soil Food Web

Did you know there is a whole world teeming under your feet? The soil food web is a community of organisms, like bacteria; algae; fungi; nematodes; earthworms; insects; and plants, who live all or some of their lives in soil. As these organisms eat, grow and move through the soil, they help to create clean water, air and healthy crops.

Soil organisms decompose organic compounds like manure and plant residue to prevent them from polluting waterways; enhance soil porosity to increase infiltration and reduce runoff; kill crop pests and serve as food for animals above-ground.



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