

Vocabulary: Growing Plants



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- Compost – mixture of decaying organic materials such as rotting vegetables and lawn clippings
- Fertilizer – combination of chemical nutrients including nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium
- Mass – the amount of matter in an object
 - *Misconception alert: Mass is similar to weight but it is not exactly the same. If you went to the Moon, your **mass** (amount of matter that makes you up) would be the same, but your **weight** would be much less than on Earth.*
- Seed – a small, usually hard structure that contains the embryo of a plant
- Soil – mixture of tiny rock fragments (usually sand, silt and clay) and organic matter
- Variable – a factor that can be changed in an experiment