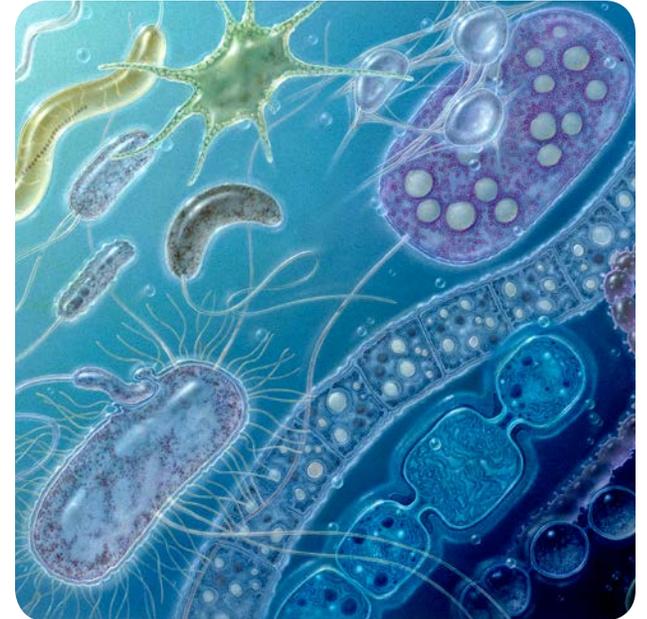


# agriculture

# bacteria



The practice of growing crops and raising animals for food, fiber, or other uses by humans.

Microscopic, one-celled organisms.



# compost

# decomposers



Decomposing plant and animal matter that is used to fertilize soil.

Bacteria and fungi that get energy from the matter in dead organisms and waste.



# decomposition

# ecosystem



The breaking down of dead organisms into their chemical and mineral parts.

A community of plants, animals, and their surroundings that depend on each other.



fungus

snwny



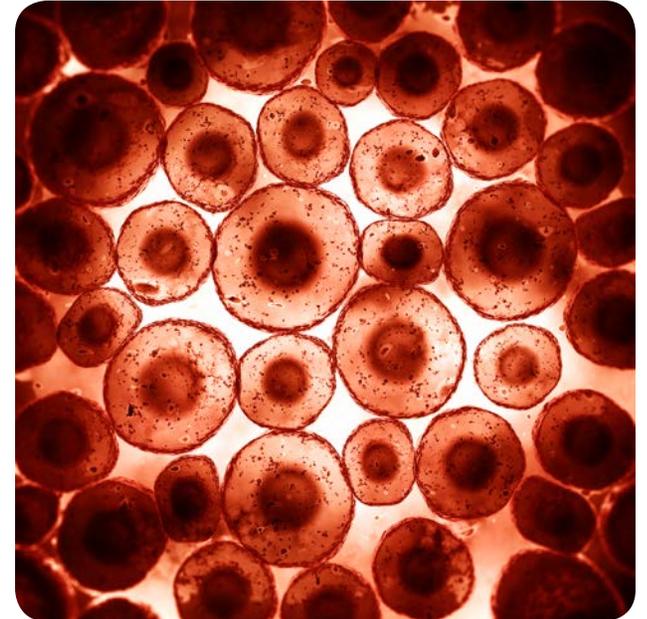
An organism, such as a mushroom, that gets energy and matter primarily from other dead organisms.

The dark brown or black layer in soil that consists of decayed organic matter.



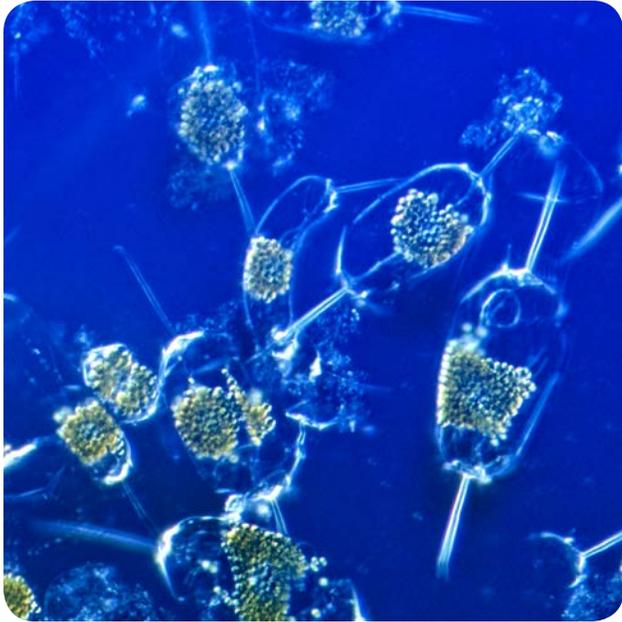
# landfill

# matter



A place where solid waste, such as garbage and trash, is taken and buried.

What all things are made of.



# microorganism

# nutrient



A very small organism that can be seen only with the aid of a microscope.

A substance that provides nourishment for growth and energy to a living thing.



scavenger

topsoil



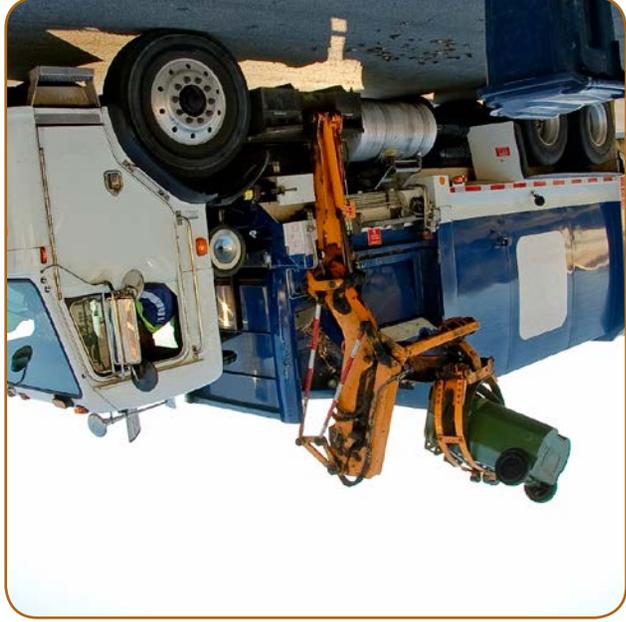
An animal that gets its energy and matter by eating dead organisms.

The dark, fertile, uppermost layer of soil.



# waste

# waste management



Undigested foods and liquids that are not used by the body and are expelled; or, materials and products that humans cannot use.

The system of collecting, transporting, and processing waste created by humans.