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Organic Landscaping



Soils Management



Organic Soils Management is all about restoring and maintaining the *natural nutrient cycling system* and is at the heart of any sustainable landscape program. The benefits of this approach include improved nutrient and moisture availability & retention, disease suppression, aeration, and degradation of harmful pollutants.

Composting



Compost is the aerobically decomposed remnants of plants and foods created through the management of heat, moisture, and aeration. The result is a nutrient-rich environment for beneficial bacteria, fungi, and protozoan that can be applied directly to the soils. These micro-organisms control pests (pathogenic organisms) and aerate the soil, providing the opportunity for extended root development. At Harvard, all herbaceous and woody materials — along with a growing portion of food waste from dining halls and cafeterias — are collected for composting.

Compost Teas



Compost Tea is a specific liquid biological amendment made by coaxing the beneficial organisms from the compost into an aerated water solution with various food sources. The advantage of the tea is that *recipes* can be developed and fine tuned to target specific conditions and plant needs. Careful application of compost teas can speed up the process of balancing the soil biology... but achieving the proper mix requires time and testing.



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