

# nyc compost project tip sheet

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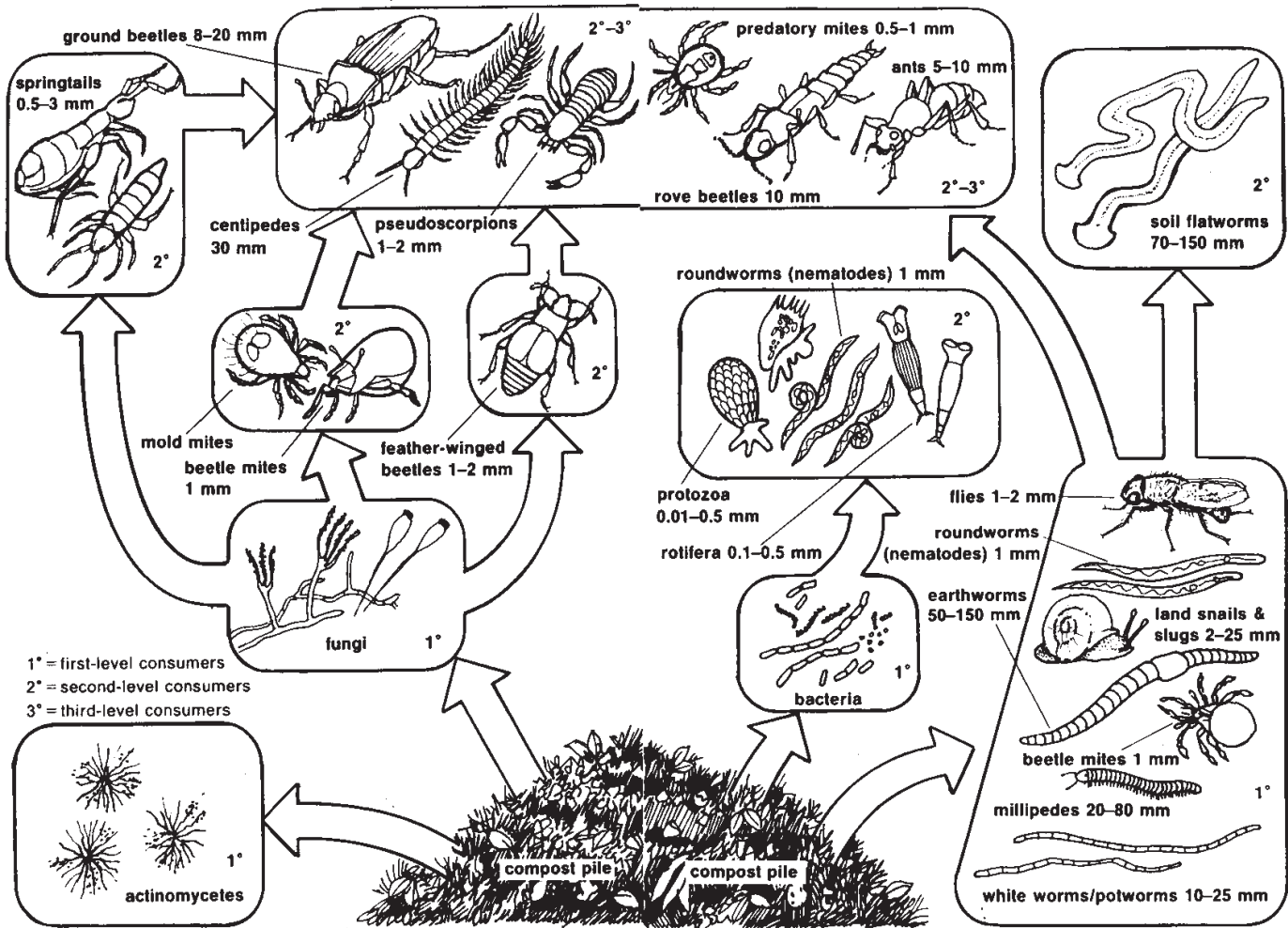
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The NYC Compost Project runs many innovative programs to encourage composting in all five boroughs. Funded and managed by the Department of Sanitation's Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling, each NYC Compost Project location offers home composting demonstrations, a compost helpline, and a variety of compost-related workshops and classes.



For recycling and waste prevention info, call 311 or visit [www.nyc.gov/wasteless](http://www.nyc.gov/wasteless)

## Decomposer Identification Guide



Source: Daniel L. Dindal, Ecology of Compost: A Public Involvement Project, *Rodale Book of Composting*.

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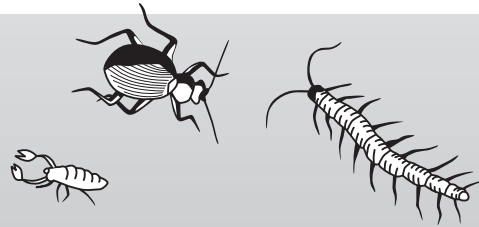


## Groups of Organisms in a Compost Food Web

### Tertiary Consumers

*organisms that eat secondary consumers*

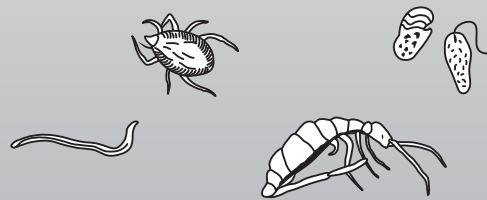
centipedes, predatory mites, rove beetles,  
pseudoscorpions



### Secondary Consumers

*organisms that eat primary consumers*

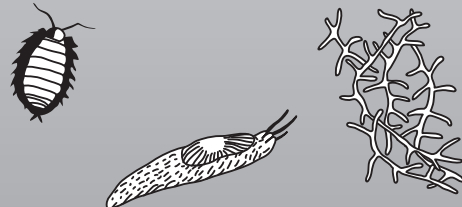
springtails, feather-winged beetles,  
and some types of mites, nematodes,  
and protozoa



### Primary Consumers

*organisms that feed on organic residue*

actinomycetes and other bacteria, fungi,  
snails, slugs, millipedes, sowbugs, some  
types of mites, nematodes, and protozoa



### Organic Residues

leaves, grass clippings, other plant debris,  
food scraps, fecal matter and animal bodies,  
including those of soil invertebrates

