

Blooming Algae: The Effect Of Organic Fertilizer On Algae Growth

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This study is related to fertilizer runoff and the effect it has on algae. This is important because aquatic life revolves around algae. Without algae, aquatic life would not exist considering it is the base of the food chain. Algae is responsible for fifty percent of the air you breathe in one breath. Previous studies have shown that compost tea is an organic substance that contains natural chemicals to improve plant growth. Compost tea adds beneficial microbes to foliage. The fertilizer helps plants grow both faster and stronger. The objective of this study was to be able to control algae growth and its population. We need to stop algae from entering our local waterways, creating algae blooms. Our hypothesis objective was that the more compost tea added to the water samples and algae seeds, the more algae will grow. Each water sample will contain one quart of pond water. The designated amount of compost tea will be added to each sample, along with the algae seeds. We will let the algae grow and produce for three weeks. Our data suggests we may need to modify our experiment to keep the algae growing.

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