

## Ecosystem Jobs

Living things do one of three different jobs to be a part of ecosystems. They are either producers, consumers, or decomposers.

Producers are green plants. they use the suns energy to make their own food. This is called photosynthesis. Green plants provide food and oxygen for other living things.

Consumers are living things that eat other living things. Some consumers eat producers. They are herbivores, which means plant eaters. Some consumers eat other consumers. They are carnivores, which means meat eaters.

Decomposers break down dead plant and animal materials. They are recyclers. decomposers include bacteria, fungi, earthworms, and snails. Decomposers can also be consumers. They can be found easily on rotten logs or compost piles.

Why is the sun important to ecosystems?



The producers (green plants) get energy from the sun to make their own food. What would happen if plants could not get light?

What would happen to an ecosystem without producers?