

## **Soil vs. Dirt**

“All life depends upon the soil. There can be no life without soil and no soil without life; they have evolved together.” Charles E. Kellogg

Soil Scientists right down to backyard gardeners stand firm that soil and dirt are different. The reason being: using dirt when referring to soil belittles the complexity of soil and its importance to life on earth.

Soil is a living ecosystem which contains plants, animals, bacteria, fungi, organic matter, microorganisms, nutrients, minerals, providing the perfect environment for plant growth. Dirt on the other hand is dead, it is made up of sand, silt, and clay, like soil, but contains no other components, therefore it cannot support life.

Soil is everywhere under your feet (out of doors), while dirt is where you do not want it: under your fingernails, soles of your shoes, on your kitchen floor, etc.

“There is no time for ease and comfort. It is time to dare and endure.” Take Winston Churchill’s powerful words and stand alongside our soil enthusiasts to spread the word to all: *SOIL IS NOT DIRT!*