

Ranking the Importance of Soil

Rank the following statements in order of their importance. Be prepared to explain why you ranked them in that order.

Soil is important to me (or us)...

- _____ a) to grow plants for food, oxygen, paper, and many other things.
- _____ b) to filter out pollutants that may contaminate drinking water.
- _____ c) to provide income for farmers, food companies, clothing companies, and grocers, to name a few.
- _____ d) as a surface for building roads, sidewalks, and the places where we live.
- _____ e) to provide food for livestock.
- _____ f) to walk on.
- _____ g) to provide wildlife and insect habitat
- _____ h) ... make up your own!