



# WHAT ARE ORGANIC FERTILISERS?

**O**rganic fertilisers are produced from substances that occur naturally in the environment, including **bio-fertilisers, compost, and green and organic manure**. They promote plant growth and improve the health of the soil over time by **slowly** releasing essential nutrients into the soil.

- **Bio-fertilisers** consist of biological waste that contains micro-organisms essential for plant growth.
- **Compost** is decayed organic material – vegetable matter or manure.
- **Green manure** is a crop grown and then ploughed back into the soil, which adds organic matter and releases important plant nutrients. It also assists with retaining moisture in the soil.
- **Organic manure** includes fermented animal wastes such as bone meal, manure, slurry (a mixture of dung and water) and guano (the dung produced by seabirds and bats).

Most organic fertilisers are available, free of charge, on your own land and from your own home and livestock.

