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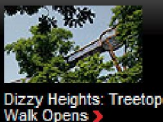
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Man Killed By Compost

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9:21am UK, Friday June 13, 2008

A man has died after inhaling lethal spores which grew on rotting compost in his garden.



Deadly fungus grows on mulch

The 47-year-old fell ill less than 24 hours after being engulfed by "clouds of dust" while working with rotting tree and plant mulch.

At first medics thought the previously healthy welder had pneumonia when he was admitted with severe breathing problems.

Aspergillosis, a reaction to Aspergillus spores.

The fungus is commonly found growing on dead leaves, stored grain, compost piles or decaying vegetation.

Its spores may trigger a relatively harmless allergic reaction or a much more serious destructive infection that begins in the lungs and spreads to other parts of the body

But when antibiotics failed to help, tests showed evidence of

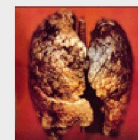
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