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Materials to Inspire Play and Learning

Natural Materials

acorns
apples
bamboo poles
branches
bushes
corn (cobs, kernels and ears)
dirt
feathers
frozen snow
hedge apples
grasses (native and long)
ice chunks
large palm fronds
large wood chunks
leaves
logs
mulch/wood chips
pinecones
pumpkins
rain and puddles
recycled evergreen (Christmas) trees
rose quartz rocks
sand
seed pods
soy beans
squash
sticks
stones
their own bodies
tree cookies
tree stumps
water
willow branches

Tools & Other Materials

balls
bamboo blocks
blocks
bricks
buckets
cameras
cardboard boxes
chalk
climbing structure-playground equipment
clips
garden hand tools
hoe
hose
large exercise ball
large fabrics
low brick wall
magnet blocks
mailbox
mat
milk crates
measuring cups
metal cake pan
muffin tin
paper and pens/pencils
pipe cleaners
plastic bat
plastic cones
plastic shovels
pulleys
raised garden bed
ramps (boards, gutter lengths, dryer vent tubing)
scarves
shovels
small containers
spoons
tables, benches (outdoor furniture)
tree blocks

