

Soil Guide



Well Draining Soils

Cacti, citrus, palms, and many other plants prefer well-draining soils. Most of our local soil is hard clay. Clay soil can be amended with Top Pot and Cactus Mix. The backfill for new plantings should be 50% native soil and 50% Top Pot or Cactus Mix. These soils can be used to pot-up plants that need good drainage and prone to root rot.

Acidic Soils

Camellias, gardenias, boxwood, ferns, roses, and most shade plants prefer soil with an acidic pH. The acidic pH is essential for these plants to be able to take up nutrients and fertilizers in the soil. These soils can be used in the ground and in pots. Soil pH may become more alkaline over time due to our hard water. These plants will do best if soil acidifiers and acid fertilizers are used as part of regular maintenance.

Enriched Soils

Herbs, veggies, and flowers will grow their best when planted with an enriched, well-draining soil. Ocean Forrest and Blue Ribbon are great for edible container gardens and flower pots. Garden beds that need freshening up would benefit greatly from fertilizers, G&B Harvest Supreme, worm castings, compost, and manure. Soils need to be kept enriched to maximize flower, fruit, and veggie production during the growing seasons.

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Gary's Best
Top Pot



G&B Cactus
Mix



Gary's Best
Acid Mix



G&B Acid
Planting Mix



Foxfarm
Ocean
Forest



G&B Blue
Ribbon