

Fox Hill Gardens

Nursery & Landscaping

Clay-Tolerant Plants



Clay can be a problem for plants not adapted to growing in less than ideal soils. An excess of clay in a soil results in water retention, anaerobic conditions and a heavy soil which may retard the root growth in some plants. You can test your soil by taking a pinch of moistened soil in your fingers and pressing it together. If it holds its shape, you have clay soil. You should add sand, gypsum and organic matter to your soil to help aerate and fertilize it. If this isn't practical for your area, try using some of these clay-tolerant plants.

TREES

Red Maple - *Acer rubrum*
Silver Maple - *Acer saccharinum*
Specked Alder - *Alnus rugosa*
River Birch - *Betula nigra*
Siberian Pea-Shrub - *Caragana arborescens*
Chinese Chestnut - *Castanea mollissima*
Hawthorn - *Crataegus spp.*
Ginkgo - *Ginkgo biloba*
Honeylocust - *Gleditsia triacanthos*
Sweetgum - *Liquidambar styraciflua*
Crabapple - *Malus hybrids*
Osage-Orange - *Maclura pomifera*
Spruce - *Picea spp.*
Willow - *Salix spp.*

SHRUBS

Chokeberry - *Aronia spp.*
Barberry - *Berberis spp.*
Tatarian Dogwood - *Cornus alba*
Redosier Dogwood - *Cornus sericea*
Cotoneaster - *Cotoneaster spp.*
Deutzia - *Deutzia gracilis*
Burning Bush - *Euonymus alata*
Forsythia - *Forsythia hybrids*
Holly - *Ilex spp.*
Juniper - *Juniperus spp.*

Bayberry - *Myrica pennsylvanica*
Ninebark - *Physocarpus opulifolius*
Sumac - *Rhus spp.*
Rose - *Rosa hybrids*
Willow - *Salix spp.*
Spiraea - *Spiraea spp.*
Stewartia - *Stewartia japonica*
Snowberry - *Symphoricarpos alba*
Lilac - *Syringa spp.*
Yew - *Taxus spp.*
Arborvitae - *Thuja occidentalis*
Arrowwood - *Viburnum dentatum*
Weigela - *Weigela florida*

PERENNIALS

Yarrow - *Achillea spp.*
Carpenter Bugle - *Ajuga reptans*
Aster - *Aster spp.*
Astilbe - *Astilbe hybrids*
Tickseed - *Coreopsis spp.*
Daylily - *Hemerocallis hybrids*
Hosta - *Hosta spp. hybrids*
Spurge - *Pachysandra spp.*
Russian Sage - *Perovskia atriplicifolia*
Black Eyed Susan - *Rudbeckia spp.*
Goldenrod - *Solidago caesia*
Ornamental Grasses