



Fox Hill Gardens

Nursery & Landscaping



Plants for Dry, Sandy, Infertile Soils

If you have a recently built home, you may be dealing with sandy, infertile conditions immediately around your house (where you probably want to plant). Pennsylvania has a lot of indigenous sandy soils as well. To check for excess sand, take a pinch of moistened soil and squeeze it together. If it falls apart, you have a sandy soil. You should add organic matter to your planting zone to help reclaim your soil's fertility. If this is impractical, try these sand-tolerant plants.

TREES

Amur Maple – *Acer ginnala*
Silver Maple - *Acer saccharinum*
Hawthorn – *Crataegus spp.*
Honeylocust - *Gleditsia triacanthos*
Ginkgo – *Ginkgo biloba*
Osage-Orange - *Maclura pomifera*
Crabapple - *Malus spp.*
Dwarf Alberta Spruce - *Picea glauca 'Conica'*
Colorado Blue Spruce - *Picea pungens*
White Pine - *Pinus strobus*
Oak – *Quercus spp.*
Mountain Ash – *Sorbus americana*

SHRUBS

Serviceberry – *Amelanchier spp.*
Red Chokeberry – *Aronia arbutifolia*
Japanese Barberry - *Berberis thunbergii*
Butterfly Bush - *Buddleia davidii*
Blue-Mist Shrub - *Caryopteris clandonensis*
Flowering Quince - *Chaenomeles speciosa*
Purple Smoke Bush - *Cotinus coggygria*
Siberian Pea-Shrub - *Caragana arboscens*
Cotoneaster - *Cotoneaster spp*
Heath – *Erica carnea*
Forsythia - *Forsythia hybrids*
Juniper - *Juniperus spp.*
Bayberry - *Myrica pennsylvanica*

Mugo Pine – *Pinus mugho*
Shrubby Cinquefoil - *Potentilla fruticosa*
Staghorn Sumac - *Rhus typhina*
Shrub Rose – *Rosa hybrids*
Spiraea - *Spiraea spp.*
Blueberry - *Vaccinium corymbosum*
Weigela - *Weigela florida*
Yucca - *Yucca filamentosa*

VINES

Bittersweet - *Celastrus scandens*
Virginia Creeper - *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*

PERENNIALS

Yarrow – *Achillea millefolium*
Bishop's Weed - *Aegopodium podagraria*
Columbine – *Aquilegia spp.*
Butterfly Weed – *Asclepias tuberosa*
Daylily - *Hemerocallis hybrids*
Hosta – *Hosta spp.*
Lavender – *Lavandula spp.*
Russian Sage - *Perovskia atriplicifolia*
Phlox – *Phlox spp.*
Christmas Fern – *Polystichum acrostichoides*
Black-Eyed Susan - *Rudbeckia fuldiga*
Meadow Sage – *Salvia nemorosa*
Stonecrop - *Sedum spp.*
Thyme - *Thymus spp.*