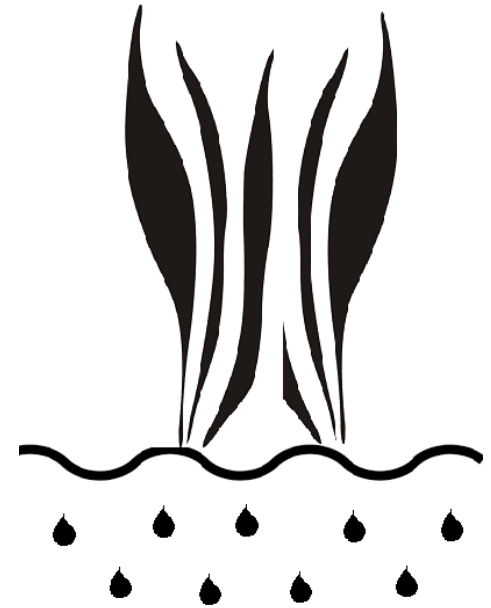


PLANTS FOR WET SOIL



Plants That Like Wet Feet



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WORKING WITH WET SOIL

If your yard has wet soil, you know how challenging it can be to grow many plants. Most plants require good drainage to keep their roots healthy. Too much moisture in the soil causes root rot and other deadly diseases.

Slow-draining clay and low spots in the ground where water collects are the two main causes of wet soil. You can break up clay by mixing in organic material such as compost, leaves or bark. For low spots, level out the area with a well-draining soil mix. If this doesn't fix the issue, there are several plants that tolerate wet soil.

The following plants thrive in constantly moist to wet soil. While most of these do not like standing water, a few on the list will tolerate it. They are indicated. **These plants are perfect for water features too!**

When planting, add 2-4 inches of compost or organic material and work it into the soil. This will ensure good aeration.

∴ = Standing Water

D = Deciduous

E = Evergreen

☼ = Full Sun

☪ = Part Sun/Part Shade: 4-6 hours sun or light, open shade

● = Full Shade

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Perennials

- Actaea (Bugbane) - D ●
- Amsonia (Bluestar) - D ☼
- Astilbe - D ● ☪
- Brunnera - D ●
- Canna lily - D ☼ ∴
- Cimicifuga (Black Snakeroot) - D ●
- Darmera peltata (Umbrella Plant) - D ☼ ☪
- Digitalis (Foxglove) - E ●
- Eupatorium (Joe Pye Weed) - D ☼
- Hemerocallis (Daylily) - D ☼
- Hibiscus (Rose Mallow) D - ☼
- Hosta - D ●
- Iris - D and E ☼ ∴
- Ligularia (Leopard Plant) - D ●
- Lobelia cardinalis (Cardinal Flower) - E ☼
- Mentha (Mint) - D ☼
- Monarda (Beebalm) - D ☼
- Primulus (Primrose) - E ☼ ●
- Pulmonaria (Lungwort) - Semi-E ●
- Rodgersia - D ●
- Tradescantia (Spiderwort) - E ☼

Annuals

- Alocasia (Elephant Ear) - ☪ ∴
- Cleome (Spider Flower) - ☼
- Colocasia (Elephant Ear) - ☪ ∴
- Impatiens walleriana (Impatiens) - ●
- Mimulus (Monkey Flower) - ☼ ☪

Groundcovers

- Ajuga (Bugleweed) - E ● ☪
- Asarum (Wild Ginger) - D and E ● ☪
- Convallaria (Lily of the Valley) - D ● ☪
- Galium odoratum (Sweet Woodruff) - D ● ☪
- Lysimachia (Creeping Jenny) - E ● ●

Ferns

- Athyrium (Painted Fern) - D ●
- Cyrtomium falcatum (Holly Fern) - E ●
- Matteuccia struthiopteris (Ostrich Fern) - D ●
- Osmunda cinnamomea (Cinnamon Fern) - D ●
- Osmunda regalis (Royal Fern) - D ●

Ornamental Grasses

- Acorus (Sweet Flag) - E ● ☪
- Calamagrostis acutiflora (Feather Reed) - D ☼ ☪
- Carex (Sedges) Many varieties - D and E varieties ☼ ● ☪
- Chasmanthium latifolium (Northern Sea Oats) - E ☪
- Juncus effusus (Rush) - E ☼
- Liriope (Lily Turf) - E ☼ ● ☪
- Muhlenbergia (Muhly Grass) - D ☼ ☪
- Schizachyrium (Little Bluestem) - D ☼ ☪

Shrubs

- Amelanchier (Serviceberry) - D ☼ ☪
- Aronia (Chokeberry) - D ☼ ☪
- Clethra (Summersweet) - ☼ ☪
- Cornus sericea (Red Osier Dogwood) - D ☼ ☪
- Cornus alba (Tatarian Dogwood) - D ☼ ☪
- Fothergilla - D ☼ ☪
- Ilex gabra (Inkberry) - E ☼ ☪
- Itea (Sweetspire) - Semi-E ☼ ● ●
- Leucothoe - E ☼ ☪
- Salix (Willow) - E ☼ ☪
- Taxodium distichum (Bald Cypress) - D ☼
- Thuja (Western Red Cedar, Giant Arborvitae) - E ☼ ☪
- Viburnum trilobum (Cranberry Bush) - D ☼ ☪

Trees

- Acer rubrum (Red Maple) - D ☪
- Betula nigra (River Birch) - D ☪
- Pyrus (Pear) - D ☼
- Quercus (Pin Oak) - D ☪