

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*

River Birch - *Betula nigra*

Siberian Pea-Shrub - *Caragana arborescens*

Chinese Chestnut - *Castanea mollissima*

Hawthorn - *Crataegus spp.*

Honeylocust - *Gleditsia triacanthos*

Sweetgum - *Liquidambar styraciflua*

Crabapple - *Malus hybrids*

Spruce - *Picea spp.*

Callery Pear - *Pyrus calleryana*

Willow - *Salix spp.*

Osage-Orange - *Maclura pomifera*

SHRUBS

Chokeberry - *Aronia spp.*

Barberry - *Berberis spp.*

Tatarian Dogwood - *Cornus alba*

Redosier Dogwood - *Cornus sericea*

Deutzia - *Deutzia gracilis*

Forsythia - *Forsythia hybrids*

Bayberry - *Myrica pennsylvanica*

Ninebark - *Physocarpus opulifolius*

Staghorn Sumac - *Rhus typhina*

Willow - *Salix spp.*

Spiraea - *Spiraea spp.*

Snowberry - *Symphoricarpos alba*

Lilac - *Syringa spp.*

Yew - *Taxus spp.*

Arborvitae - *Thuja occidentalis*

Arrowwood - *Viburnum dentatum*

Nannyberry - *Viburnum lentago*

Weigela - *Weigela florida*

PERENNIALS

Yarrow - *Achillea spp.*

Carpet Bugle - *Ajuga reptans*

Aster - *Aster spp.*

Daylily - *Hemerocallis hybrids*

Hosta - *Hosta spp. hybrids*

Spurge - *Pachysandra spp.*

Russian Sage - *Peroovskia atriplicifolia*

Black Eyed Susan - *Rudbeckia spp.*

Goldenrod - *Solidago caesia*

Ornamental Grasses