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Landscaping in Sandy Soil

Not all dirt is the same; in fact, soil varies greatly depending on the region. Sandy soil is very porous, allowing water to pass through it very quickly. When water easily drains through sandy soil, it takes with it many valuable nutrients. These conditions make sandy soil dry and lacking in nutrients when compared to soil found further inland. Landscapes in sandy soil should be made up of hearty plants that can survive with limited water and nutrients. Flowering plants such as salvia and lavender are low maintenance options that prefer well-drained soil and hot temperatures. In terms of shrubbery, certain varieties of junipers are very well suited for this region of the country. Many are resistant to intense heat and even salty environments. The shore juniper which grows low to the ground is especially adapted to thrive in sandy soil.

One positive aspect of sandy soil is that it warms and cools relatively quickly. This means that flowering perennials will arrive early in the growing season. Choosing appropriate plants for a given setting gives you the best return on your investment in landscaping. The unique soil type of coastal Georgia makes plant selection especially important in terms of landscape maintenance and longevity.



Properties of the Month: SEPTEMBER

Compassion Henderson
Savannah



Timbercreek
Support Services



Village Green
Golden Isles



Lofton Pointe
South



Each property is selected by the Branch Manager according to the crew's monthly Quality Control report.

Take advantage of your sandy soil by adding some of the following to your landscape:

<i>Artemisia</i>	<i>Black Eyed Susan</i>	<i>Larkspur</i>	<i>Butterfly Weed</i>
<i>Salvia</i>	<i>Rose of Sharon</i>	<i>Sedum</i>	<i>Foxglove</i>
<i>Siberian Pea</i>	<i>Phlox</i>	<i>Butterfly Bush</i>	<i>Russian Sage</i>
<i>Shrub</i>	<i>Lavender</i>	<i>Black Locust Tree</i>	<i>Columbine</i>
<i>Eucalyptus Tree</i>	<i>Sweet Alyssum</i>	<i>Daylily</i>	<i>Christmas Fern</i>
<i>Rosemary</i>	<i>Mimosa Tree</i>	<i>Hosta</i>	<i>Yarrow</i>

Test Your Soil

Knowing what type of soil, you have is probably the #1 item that you need to know before you start planting. Each soil type has different traits that, when known, will help your landscape flourish. The different types of soil are shown on the right.

If you are not sure what type of soil you have, you can perform one of the following simple tests to find out:

SQUEEZE TEST: Grab a handful of damp soil and gently press it in your fist. If the soil is gritty and crumbly then it is sandy soil. Clay soil is sticky and slick, peaty soil is spongy, and silty soil is smooth.



WORM TEST: Earthworms are a great indicator of the overall health of your soil. They love the microbes and bacteria that make a healthy soil. You can dig a 1-foot wide by 1-foot deep hole (in soil temp of 55 degrees or higher) placing the soil on a tarp. Sift through the soil and see how many worms you find. Another indicator of healthy soil and earthworms is seen during heavy rains. Earthworms do not like a lot of water and will come out of the soil during heavy rains.

JAR TESTING: The jar test is a bit more precise than the other tests. To do this test, take soil from several places in your landscape and mix the samples together in a bucket removing sticks, roots, stones, and other debris.

1. Fill several mason jars ½ way with soil
2. Fill the other ½ with water leaving a little room for shaking. You can add a pinch of salt (or 1 tsp. of liquid dish detergent) to help the soil particles separate.
3. Tighten the lids and shake for several minutes.
4. Let the solution settle for several hours.
5. The sand will settle quickly to form the bottom layer. The next layer to settle is silt particles. Above silt are clay particles with organic matter floating on top.
6. The color of the soil can tell you traits about the soil – light colors usually have less organic material than dark soil and dark soil warms faster in the spring.
7. A good % for healthy soil is 20% clay, 40% silt and 40% sand. This combination is a loamy soil, which is a gardener's best friend!

Team Members of the Month: SEPTEMBER

AJ Kelley
Support Services



Daniel Rubio Gonzalez
Golden Isles



Hugo Alberto Castillo
Savannah



Jilson Molina Lopez
South



These team members display the company core values (Responsive, Ownership, Observant, Trusted, Skillful) in all that they do while working, have excellent attendance, and are constantly trying to improve themselves.



SOIL SAMPLING: Have your soil tested for acidity. You can test for PH levels with an at-home test kit, but you have to follow the kit instructions carefully. You can also have a professional take a sample and send to an agricultural lab for more accurate testing. Soil sampling will show you if your soil is acidic and what you need to add to your soil for the best growing conditions. This test will also help keep your fertilizing more effective and economical. Soil testing should be performed at least one time a year.



Help Your Lawn Fight Off Disease

Getting sick is no fun ...for you or for your lawn. As humans, we avoid getting “knocked down” by the germs that constantly surround us through exercise, eating right, watching our stress levels, and taking vitamins. Prevention is a lot

better than getting sick, and the same is true for your lawn.

KEEPING YOUR LAWN HEALTHY

There are literally thousands of fungi varieties present in the air, water, soil, and your turf. Most lawn disease organisms spread easily by water, which makes them especially active during the spring and early summer when rainfall levels are high. Fungi can also spread in the air. One type of spore can travel up to 200 miles on the wind!

A healthy lawn will “fight off” many disease attacks. Even when you have a variety of diseases in the lawn, they have a lot more trouble infecting strong, well-fed, and “unstressed” turf. Keeping up a carefully timed fertilization program and avoiding the problems that come from careless mowing or “emergency-only” watering will help your lawn resist the diseases that are always ready to strike.

Make a Difference... Plant a Tree!

Planting a new tree will not only enhance your landscape and property, but it can help you save money on your energy bills while improving the environment we all share. Consider these statistics:

- The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to 10 room-sized air conditioners operating 20 hours a day. *Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture*
- If you plant a tree on the west side of your home or office, your energy bills should be 3% less in five years. After 15 years, the savings will be nearly 12%. *Source: Dr. E. Greg McPherson, Center for Urban Forest Research*
- Landscaping, especially with trees, can increase property values as much as 20%. *Source: Management Information Services/ICMA*
- 1 acre of forest absorbs 6 tons of carbon dioxide and puts out 4 tons of oxygen. This is enough to meet the annual needs of 18 people. *Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture*
- There are up to 200 million spaces along our city streets where trees could be planted. This translates to the potential for absorbing 33 million more tons of carbon dioxide per year, which would save \$4 billion in energy costs. *Source: National Wildlife Federation*



We're here for *you.*



Helping your property look great is what we do, but making sure you're satisfied is what keeps us going. We've learned that when we focus on complete customer satisfaction, the rest falls in line.

We're here for you - to follow up on work we've done for you, to answer questions or to discuss further improvements to your outside spaces.

We count on the good name we've built with our customers to get new business. If you have a friend, neighbor or co-worker in need of landscape services, we'd appreciate you recommending us. We'd like to meet them and work with them to beautify their landscapes, too.

Of course, it's always a great pleasure to get a call from a current customer about a new project. Please call us anytime. We'd love to hear from you.



Have a question or concern? We're here to help.

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