

How To Determine Soil Type

- Determining soil type is important when choosing the right trees and plants for your site.
- Use the following soil texture test to determine soil type of your site.
- When using TreePeople recommended tree and plant lists, the soil type is indicated.

You'll need the following:

- Trowel or shovel
- Water

Let's Get Started

1. Push mulch and organic matter away to reach the mineral soil.
2. Dig out a handful of soil. Remove any rocks and sticks.
3. Add a little water and knead the soil to break down any chunks. Form a ball.
4. The soil is at proper consistency when it feels moldable, like moist putty.
5. Follow the flow chart on the next page.



Soil Texture by Feel Flow Chart

