

Improving Soil

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Work 2-3 inches of organic matter (old mulch, peat moss, compost) into soil

Add at least 1 more inch of organic matter in the fall each year

Use permanent raised beds to improve drainage and to keep foot traffic off the growing area

Minimize tilling and spading

Never till or try to cultivate when the soil is wet

Sandy Soil

Work 3-4 inches of organic matter into soil

Mulch around plants to retain moisture and cool the soil

Add 2 inches of organic matter each year

Silty Soil

Add 1 inch of organic matter each year

Avoid compaction

Consider raised beds