Improving Your Soil

What is the solution for improving Utah's challenging soils?

**Organic Matter:** No matter what type of soil you have in your yard, clay or sand, the best thing you can do is to add organic matter. Utah soils are naturally low in organic matter. Adding organic matter to a clay soil will help break apart the clay particles, relieving compaction, improving soil structure, and allowing for better drainage. Adding organic matter to a sandy soil will improve the soil's water-retention capability and nutrient availability. Organic matter also
What Is Organic Matter? It is once-living material, the best source of which is compost. The more composted your sources of organic matter are, the quicker they will begin to benefit your soil and your plants. You can purchase compost from reputable garden centers, or you can make your own compost using yard waste and food scraps.

How Much Is Needed?: As much as you can add! When preparing planting beds, 1-2" is recommended. For vegetable gardens, 1" a year at a minimum, but 2-4" a year would help build a better soil over a longer period. Till or turn the organic matter into the soil before planting.

More Soil Improvement Information

Free Landscape Classes

1426 E. 750 N. Orem
Building 2

Growing Raspberries

Saturday,
April 11 @ 10:00 am

Details & Registration
Grass Matrix Gardens

Wednesday,
April 15 @ 7:00 pm

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Vegetable Gardening

Saturday,
April 18 @ 10:00 am

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Small Evergreens

Wednesday,
April 22 @ 7:00 pm

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Proper Lawn Care

Saturday,
April 25 @ 10:00 am

Details & Registration

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Plant Highlight

Eldorado Feather Reed Grass

*Calamagrostis acutiflora 'Eldorado'*
leaves are green with yellow stripes down the center. Summer plumes give the grass added interest and increase its height. Looks fantastic blowing in the breeze! Needs to be cut back to 4” or 5” in late fall or early spring.

Plant Type: Ornamental Grass
Mature Size: 4-5' T x 2-3' W
Light Requirements: Full Sun
Hardiness Zones: 4-9