

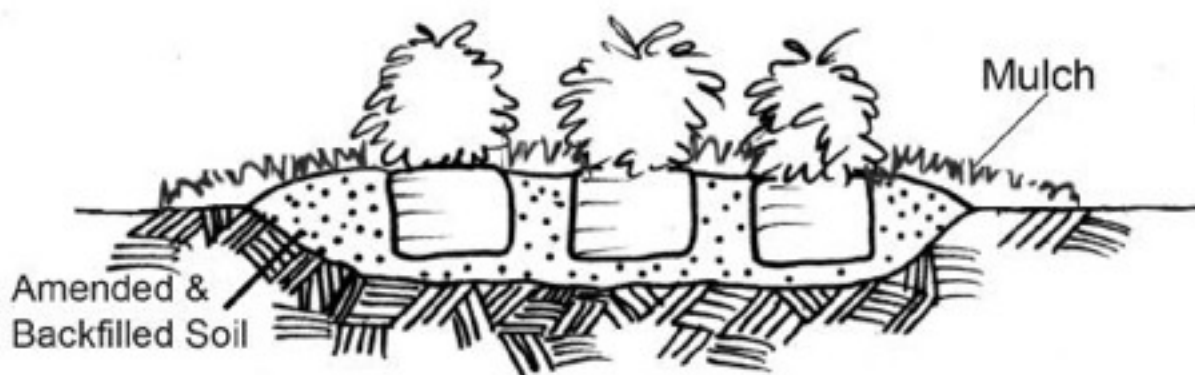
Planting Groundcovers and Perennials in Heavy Soil

Before Digging

To prevent injury while planting in your landscape, contact Gopher One at (651) 454-0002 to have underground utilities marked.

Installation

1. Loosen the soil in the planting bed to the depth of the root ball.
2. Amend the soil by blending one-part good quality top soil with one-part original soil. Chop the clay to reduce large clumps. (Since no soil is removed, this will result in a raised planting bed that is desirable for heavy soil sites.)
3. Fertilizer and organic matter can be mixed into the soil if needed.
4. Use a sharp knife to cut away the pot. Rough up the roots to break them from their circling pattern. If circling roots are heavy, cut 1 inch deep into the root ball. Do this in a line down three sides of the ball.
5. Check the top surface of the root ball to make sure it is level with the surrounding area in this bed. Fill in with the amended soil and press the soil firmly into place. Make sure the plant remains at the correct height after adding the soil.
6. Add wood mulch at a depth of 2 inches in perennial beds. Be sure the depth is thinner than 2 inches next to the plant stems.
7. Water thoroughly several times (allowing the water to soak in before watering again) to ensure the planting bed is saturated.



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