

# *Dealing with* **CLAY SOIL**



Unfortunately we don't get to choose our soil. Some parts of Tuolumne County have a hard clay soil that makes planting difficult and risky. If you have this problem, listen up! First, test your soil for drainage. Dig a hole about one foot deep and wide. Fill that hole with water and keep an eye on it. If it drains completely within 3-4 hours, you can go ahead and plant. You should still mix in an amendment like Harvest Supreme by G&B Organics which breaks up clay. If it doesn't drain, you will need to amend your soil to avoid drowning whatever you plant. There are two things you can try. One: dig your hole twice as deep and twice as wide as the bucket of your plant and fill the bottom with base rock (like gravel), then plant on top. This should help with the drainage. Two: try a bag of Harvest Supreme or Soil Building Conditioner to mix in with your native soil. These improve drainage, promote healthy roots, and add micro-nutrients to the soil. **NOTE THAT THESE METHODS ARE TESTS!** You should first try it with one or two plants to see if it works on your property.