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Basic Site Preparation

It is easier to make site adjustments before anything is planted. If the area hasn't been utilized for sometime, the soil/ground may need to be "loosened up". This can be handled through turning the land with a disc, tilling, or hand cultivating the soil. Amendments can be added during this time. Break up clay based soil with sand and/or aged compost or other organic matter. Build up sandy soil by adding topsoil and aged compost or other organic matter.

Good drainage is essential for plant life. Water should easily soak into the soil with excess running off. Low spots encourage standing water, which in turn can drown the plants, create mold/mildew and become a haven for annoying insects. If you have a low spot that holds water and still want plants in that area, dig out some of the soil and put in rocks for drainage and fill back with the soil and berm the plants themselves. A berm is an area raised above the normal ground level.