

GETTING TO KNOW SOIL



CLAY

Clay is a really dense material. If you find your soil really difficult to break up with a shovel, or digging fork, and it sticks to your blade this could be signs of clay. Clay is really sticky when wet, or damp, and when it dries out it can have deep cracks. It is also very hard when fully dried out.

SAND

Sandy soil is very easy to work. It can come in many different forms, including sand granules, gravel, or other granular loose particles. Sandy soil does not hold its shape, drains fast, and can crumble easily. It is also quick to warm up in the spring weather.



PEAT

Peat is partially decomposed. It is usually low in minerals, and has a spongy feel to it when wet. When dry, it can look very fibrous, and break apart easily. Peat generally absorbs water very well, and retains it, meaning it can take longer to dry an area out that has been waterlogged.



LOAM

Loam is the type of soil we are most after for growing vegetables. It is nutrient rich, balance of well draining and moisture retaining soil. It isn't too compact, yet still holds enough shape that plants can root themselves and get necessary support..

