

# Types of Soil

## Response Questions

Which soil type can become hard as stone when dry? Clay

Which soil type dries out quickly after a rainfall? Sand

Which soil type would be best for building a structure? Clay

Which soil type would a gardener need to break up every now and then to allow more drainage? Silt

Which soil type would a cactus do well in? Sand



## TRY THIS!

Dig down at least six inches and grab a handful of soil. Soak it with water and roll it into a ball in your hand.



Sand

If you cannot make a ball out of it, it is mostly sand.



Silt

If it forms a loose ball but crumbles when squeezed it is mostly silt.



Clay

If it forms a packed ball and can be reshaped into a snake, it is mostly clay.