

Pros & Cons of Sandy Soil

Sandy soil doesn't behave too differently to the sand you'd find on a beach. It will feel gritty compared to types of soil like clay or silt.

Lumps will break apart quite easily and, unless very wet, it won't hold together easily.

Sandy soil has a gritty texture and is not very good at retaining water or plant nutrients

The relatively large particles which make up sandy soil are responsible for making it drain very readily.

This loose texture also makes it easy to work with, and few plants will struggle to establish their roots in sandy soil.

Soil that is low in nutrients is ideal for growing wildflowers.

The free draining property of this soil means that it doesn't require much of a dry spell for the soil to be totally devoid of moisture.

Sandy soil struggles to hold many nutrients, and any additional fertilizer you add can be quickly washed away.

Embrace the properties of sandy soil by growing drought tolerant hardy plants like sedums