

NEW REGULATION SOIL AMENDMENTS NEW REGULATION

This new regulation applies to all non-residential uses, mobile homes; single-family homes, and multiple-family residential uses.

Soil amendments shall mean compost material regulated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for distribution to the general public.

Top soil shall mean a friable mixture of sand, silt and clay particles, each within the following limits:

Sand (0.05- 2.00 mm)	Maximum 75%	Minimum 20%
Silt (0.002–0.05 mm)	Maximum 60%	Minimum 5%
Clay (less than 0.002 mm)	Maximum 30%	Minimum 5%

Top soil shall have an organic matter content of greater than five (5) percent and a pH between 6.0 and 8.0, and shall be free from noxious weeds and roots, salts, clay lumps, any non-soil materials such as rock, concrete, brick chips, or building materials, foreign matter, and any chemical, biological or radiological contaminants.

REGULATIONS

Except as otherwise provided below, the holder of any building or development permit shall, as a condition of the issuance of a certificate of occupancy or final inspection, prepare any area in which any plant materials, including but not limited to grass, seed, flowers, shrubs or trees, are expected or intended to be installed, prior to installation of any plant materials in that area, as follows:

- (1) The soil in such areas shall be thoroughly loosened to a depth of not less than six (6) inches; and
- (2) Soil amendments shall be thoroughly incorporated into the soil of such areas to a depth of at least six (6) inches by tilling, discing or other suitable method, at a rate of at least four (4) cubic yards of soil amendment per one thousand (1,000) square feet of area to be planted. Alternatively, at least four (4) inches of loose top soil may be placed on the area after completion of construction activity on top of not less than four (4) inches of loosened subgrade soils or documentation of the content and quality of the existing soil may be provided that demonstrates that the existing soil meets the definition of Top Soil in Section B.
- (3) Documentation of the content and quantity of the soil amendments and top soil placed in an area, prepared by the commercial source of the material or a qualified soils testing laboratory, shall be submitted in connection with the certification required in Subsection (b) below.

Prior to the issuance of any certificate of occupancy, the prospective recipient of such certificate of occupancy or final inspection shall submit written certification to the Community Development Director that all planted areas, or areas to be planted, have been thoroughly loosened and the soil amended, consistent with the requirements set forth in this Section.