

Definitions

Wet Soil Soil with high water table in which standing water is visible within 1 foot of the surface when you dig down. May have periodic standing water at the soil surface.

Moist Soil Upper soil never dries out completely, though does not stay wet. The soil 2-6 inches below the surface should be cool and damp to the touch.

Dry Soil Soil feels dry to the touch a foot or more below the surface for at least part of the year, usually the summer season. May be moist in spring or wet in winter.

Sun Full sun or at least 6 hours of direct sun daily in mid-summer

Part Sun 2-5 hours of direct sun and the rest of the day in shade. Sun does not need to come all in period but needs to total at least 2 hours over the course of the day.

Light Shade Dappled shade most of the day or 1-2 hours of direct sun

Shade Light as under a high forest canopy or found on a north side of a building open to the light

Sources Cullina, William,

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