No matter how you shape your tree, fruit trees still need plenty of sun. Be sure to place the tree where it receives at least six hours of unobstructed sun per day. A wall or fence can make an ideal location for an espaliered tree, but, remember, a wall facing directly south can become sizzling hot when summer reaches its peak. Temperatures above 90 degrees Fahrenheit may damage the tree. A southeast or southwest wall is better. As for soil, fruit trees thrive in slightly acid conditions.