Poorly Drained and Very Poorly Drained soils generally occur on level land or in depressions. The former group consists of surface depressions that collect water and cause poorly drained soil conditions, and the latter are surface depressions that collect water to a depth of one foot or more. Very poorly drained soils generally occur on level land or in depressions. In both cases, the water is not flowing away from the site, either because of the slope or the nature of the substrate.