

# Important Information for Homeowner

## Selecting a Location - Garden Setting or Patio

Walk around your property and make notes of the following:

- sunny spots
- slope of the land
- light blocking trees and high buildings.

Don't hide your Raised Bed away in a dark corner.

Ensure it has easy access to it.

Place your Raised Bed on a level piece of land with good drainage. Take into account existing paths and utilities such as electricity and water.

Having a water supply at hand avoids carrying heavy watering cans from the tap to the plant.

## Preparing the Ground for a Garden Setting

Dig ground beneath the raised bed prior to assembly. Your new Raised Garden Bed will be open on the bottom which enables plant roots to access soil nutrients below ground level.

Add amendments to improve the subsoil. Once the ground plot has been dug and cleared of rocks, add peat moss and lime to balance the subsoil.

Lay down a sand perimeter base for the Raised Bed to sit on.

Lay down a 74" x 39" perimeter base 6" wide and 2" deep of sand for the Raised Bed Panels to sit on. The sand will provide good water drainage and prevent the Western Red Cedar wood from rotting prematurely.

## Patio Setting

The Raised Bed can also be located on almost any flat surface - sand, pebbles/gravel, concrete or asphalt. Preparing the soil and the sand base beneath the Raised Bed will not be necessary. Consider lining the Raised Bed with landscape fabric to prevent soil from seeping out. Twenty inches of soil should be plenty for most types of vegetables and flowers. Please check growing instructions for root depths prior to planting.

## Once the Raised Bed is Assembled - Add Soil

You will need approximate **1 cubic yard of quality soil**. (2/3 Topsoil to 1/3 Compost works well).

Mix thoroughly. Fill the Raised Bed to within a few inches of the top of the wood framing (the start of the metal screening).

Add soil within two weeks of planting. Fertilizer may be required. Check with your local garden growing expert before adding any fertilizer!

## Arranging and Planting Crops

Since requirements vary from region to region on how to arrange and plant crops, we recommend researching thoroughly before planting.

