

Planting a raised Vegetable Bed

Why do we plant in raised beds?

- Plants are elevated and respond better
- Raised beds are good for easy accessibility for gardening
- It's an easy solution where you have poor soil, especially clay
- Using an easy, free-draining mix such as Garden Mix or Veggie Mix works best in raised beds

Installing a raised Vegetable bed

- Before positioning the raised bed, choose the site in a sunny, sheltered part of the garden
- If placing over grass or soil, add a layer of weedmat or newspaper over the area, to discourage any existing weeds and grass from growing through
- Place the bed on top, or construct from wooden sleepers
- Fill raised beds, compacting lightly as this mix will settle down, with watering and over time
- Leave a gap of 3cm from the top of edge to make watering easier

Most Vegetable plants can be grown in raised beds.

Tip:

Each year, remember to condition the mix in the bed by digging through extra Compost of Garden Mix.

Over the growing season, liquid fertiliser can help hasten the growth of the leafy green vegetables such as lettuce and it's great for encouraging herbs like parsley, basil and coriander.

Growing Organic Food

Living Earth organic certified Veggie Mix is available from most of our yards during the spring and summer growing season. For growing without any chemicals, this mix is ideal to use in raised beds.

Veggie Mix is

- Ready to plant straight into
- 100% weed-free
- Contains Living Earth Compost
- Contains organic fertiliser
- Install Veggie Mix as for Garden Mix

CHECKLIST

- Weedmat
- Raised Bed or sleepers
- Living Earth Garden Mix
- Shovel
- Loan Trailer (if necessary)