

## Raised Bed Assembly Instructions

Thank you for purchasing a raised bed from The GardenWorks Project! Your purchase supports our home gardening program that provides vegetable gardens to families who rely on food pantry assistance. It also promotes suburban agriculture and increases the local food supply. We hope you consider donating your excess produce to your local food pantry, or even building an extra bed to grow more for those in need.

### Assembling Your Garden

Materials: Screwdriver (power screwdriver preferred), 12 decking screws (included with your purchase), two 8-foot lengths and two 4-foot lengths of cedar.



Putting your garden together is easy! It can be assembled by one person, but is easier when one person screws the corners together while the other holds the boards in place. If one person is assembling the garden, try to move all of the pieces close to the final location of the garden, because it will be difficult for one person to move the garden once it is assembled.

The two 8-foot lengths of lumber form the long sides of the garden. Lay these out about four feet apart. Take a 4-foot length and line it up at a 90 degree angle to the 8-foot length. Line up the boards, hold them together tightly, and screw them together using the pre-drilled holes. Continue until all four corners are screwed together tightly. Push the corner stakes into the ground with your foot or a rubber mallet until the bottom of the garden rests firmly on the ground.

### Garden Placement

The best place for a garden is close to your home, where you will see it daily, know what's ready to harvest and can easily run out to grab ingredients when cooking. Consider squaring the garden up with your house or another structure, i.e., make a side of the garden parallel to the structure. It's best not to place the garden directly next to a structure, because it will be easier to reach your veggies if you can access the garden from all sides.

### Filling the Garden

Each 4 x 8-foot garden can accommodate approximately 1 cubic yard of soil. For best results, use a garden soil mix, which can be delivered in bulk by a local landscape supply company or purchased from a garden center. The mix should contain compost to provide your plants with nourishment. Choose organic rather than synthetic chemical fertilizers.

The GardenWorks Project, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization empowers, educates, and promotes organic suburban agriculture to improve the wellbeing of our community, the environment, and families facing food insecurity. We support all gardeners in their efforts to grow and prepare food for themselves and their neighbors in need. Learn how you can get involved at: [gardenworksproject.org](http://gardenworksproject.org)