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Raised Bed Gardening: What Are The Benefits?

By Caiden Felix

For this article I'm going to stray from my normal topic of Internet marketing and indulge myself with one my passions.....gardening.....,in particular raised bed gardening.

So here we go!

Where soil is of poor quality and drainage inadequate, raised bed gardening makes it simple to create patches of fertile, well-drained soil. This can, in turn save money as well as time to! It is considerably cheaper and less effort than installing a drainage system and then trucking in topsoil.

Combined with good drainage control, you can grow all sorts of fussy plants.

Raised bed gardening elevates plants to a more workable level, making them easier to tend to. Raised bed gardening is also great for vegetable or cutting gardens.

For gardeners in wheelchairs or with back pain, raised bed gardening is a godsend. Just make sure the area between the beds is wide and firm enough for ease of movement.

Raised bed gardening is extremely low maintenance too. Plants can be kept organized, and all the soil and debris can be kept within its borders. This means a serious reduction in your hard work!

There are many reasons for the Raised beds revival. But probably the most important is more production per square foot of garden. Raised beds don't require the usual space between rows because you don't walk in the bed to cultivate or harvest.

Greater production can be achieved with raised bed gardening because of the lack of soil compaction. In a normal garden you have to leave space between the plants in order to work them properly. This then leads to soil compaction which can reduce crop yields up to 50 percent. All a plants needs i.e water and air have trouble moving through compacted soil.

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When compaction isn't the only problem, then raised bed gardening can help there to. Homeowners may have areas unsuited for conventional gardens. Raised bed gardening will physically rise above these, with frames as its foundation. It allows you to recycle problem spots!

Raised beds are also a boom with pest control to. If you get an invasion of furry little critters, simply line the bed with poultry wire or some hardware cloth. You can discourage rabbits by placing their favorite foods in a framed bed with a low fence.

Well, i hope Ive done a decent job of highlighting some of the benefits of raised bed gardening.

Thanks for reading

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you

<http://www.my-linker.com/hop/gardens>

Raised Bed Gardening

By Dream Team Media

Today garden enthusiasts are looking have a myriad of choices available to them. If you're a gardening buff, then you might have heard of the term, `raised bed gardening'. I have to confess to being quite ignorant on the subject, but upon overhearing, quite by accident I assure you, an argument by a young couple over whether they should go for the more conventional garden, or whether they should try their hand at raised bed gardening, my interest was peaked. After all what on earth was a `raised bed garden'?

Being the curious minded soul that I am, I was sorely tempted to push my way through a trolley of plants and enquire in all politeness what a raised bed garden really was. Fortunately for all involved, sanity prevailed at the last minute and I found myself reluctant to push my way through.

I did the next best thing and gathering my purchases hot-footed it back home where I could turn to my computer for instant gardening help. Calling upon the services of my favorite search engine, I typed in the words `raised bed gardening' and stumbled upon a veritable plethora of information. Information which I shall now try my best to impart to you in manner that is understandable.

So, to begin with, a raised bed garden is exactly what is sounds like. A garden upon a `raised bed'. Mostly though you're not raising the height of your entire garden so much as you're raising it in little bits and pieces. To do this people tend to utilise things like large containers, or pots. Troughs are also a favorite, as they provide a longer length for the gardener to work with.

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There are generally two reasons why you would go in for raised bed gardening, with the first reason being purely to do with aesthetics. Having said that, if you find it difficult to bend down continuously when gardening, then the raised bed gardening is also ideal for you. But the second and main reason you would even consider a raised bed garden has to do with soil and drainage problems that you just can't overcome easily, in your normal, ground level garden.

Raised bed gardens are attractive, and easy to maintain, with the added benefit of being able control exactly what goes into your soil mixture, and how much water you use when watering your plants.

You also have the ability to protect your plants more easily from burrowing rodents, weeds, and unwanted feet trekking through your beds.

A more sensible method of gardening I have yet to hear of, and that wasn't the end to the long list of benefits to be found in raised bed gardening. But the one I liked the most had to do with being able to grub around in my garden in any weather, without the actual `grubbing' part. No mud, see? Since the plants are in raised containers, you don't actually have to get down on your hands and knees in the mud to do your gardening!

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