

Raised Bed Gardening



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Raised bed gardening is one of the fastest growing trends in gardening right now. Raised beds offer; higher yields, expanded growing season, easier maintenance, better drainage, less compacted soils and the ability to use difficult locations for a garden.

This info sheet isn't about how to build and maintain a raised bed garden, it's about the products to use to better improve the experience and increase your success.

It doesn't matter how elaborate or simple the raised bed is, it all starts in the soil. Ferti-lome has two soils you can use to increase yields and improve success.

If one wants an all natural, organic, OMRI Certified product, the *FL Organic Potting Mix* is the best choice. This mix is loaded with Mycorrhizae, worm castings, humic acids, slow release organic fertilizer and more. Use this for all your soil, or just in the top portion where the plants will be grown.

If you want something to add to existing soil (see image →) or to an older bed to refurbish the soil, use *NG Organic Garden Soil*. This soil is made with Canadian Black Peat Moss which is rich with humates and fulvic acids, it also includes worm castings and kelp meal. This soil is not intended to be planted directly into, it is an amendment to improve existing soil, simply add and work in.

Amendments to use each year to adjust pH are *HY Iron Plus* and *HY Agricultural Limestone* (dolomite). If you are not applying a soil with Humic acid in it, apply *NG HuMic* each year to bring the soil back to life, enriching the soil and increasing yields.

Fertilizer choices would include *NG Organic Tomato & Vegetable Food*, or *FL Fish Emulsion* for natural choices. For synthetic fertilizer, *FL Gardener's Special* is the choice, with it's 11-14-11 analysis and 5 essential micro-nutrients. For a quick-release food, use *FL Blooming & Rooting*.

Insecticide choices would be: *HY Vegetable & Ornamental* for below ground insects. For above ground insects use, *NG Spinosad Soap* or *FL Triple Action*, which is an insecticide, fungicide and miticide. Both are natural and safe for veggies.

For fungicide, use *NG Copper Soap* or *FL Triple Action*.

If grass invades your raised bed, *FL Over the Top* can be used. For broadleaf weeds, hand pull.

