

Raised Beds

Gardeners prefer raised beds to grow flowers and vegetables for many good reasons.



- You can control the soil. The bed to the left at Plant Fair Nursery demonstration garden is soon to be filled with organic planter mix.
- This 3' x 16' raised bed is higher off the ground for easy reach.
- Another section of 1" x 12" can be added on top of the existing frame to make a 2 foot bed.
- Need a 3' deep bed? Just add another 1" x 12" to the top of the frame and fill with planter mix.
- Fill with acid planter mix to grow rhubarb or blueberries.
- This raised bed will be used for shallow rooted, cold hardy crops. The French intensive method will be used to plant and grow leaf lettuce, radishes, beets, onions, and carrots.

Early start , summer harvest, or late harvest

The picture at the right shows the raised bed with frost cloth before it is pulled over the top so it is ready for a cold night. The first crop was planted the first week of March. The frost cloth will keep the harsh weather away from the new seedlings growing in the bed.

Early start: Plants or seeds of cold hardy vegetables & flowers can be planted with the benefit of the raised bed and frost cloth cover in late February or early March. (Refer to the Plant Fair Nursery Vegetable Planting Guide) Those early start plants should all be harvested by late May.

Summer Harvest: Plant summer vegetables and flowers the first week in June to grow and harvest by mid to late August.

Late Harvest: A third crop of cold hardy type vegetables can be planted in late August to the first week of September. As the fall weather turns cold, protect the fall crop with frost cloth until harvest, usually in November.

