

ELEVATED FLOWER BEDS



CREATE YOUR OWN GARDEN



NO GARDEN, NO SPACE, NO SOIL? NO PROBLEM!

Townies enjoy gardening and growing their own veggies, too. Unfortunately, they often lack the space for it. Elevated flower beds are the perfect solution for your own small garden paradise. Plus: they allow for growing things you can't find at the supermarkets, like super tasty and colourful tomatoes, rare salads or special berries. Elevated flower beds are quickly built, low-cost and a lot of fun. And if at one point they don't suit you anymore, they are also quickly disassembled.



GOOD FOR THE CLIMATE

Growing your own vegetables is not only exciting and tasty, but also great for our climate and the environment. Did you know that one kilogram of tomatoes from Spain or Italy needs up to 100 litres of water? This can be a big problem, as the regions where tomatoes and other vegetables are grown are often very dry. In addition to that, when shipping these products, we emit a lot of CO². As you can see, there are many good reasons for growing your own tomatoes.

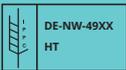


A SPACE FOR EVERYONE GARDENING TOGETHER

Elevated flower beds are a great way to create green gardens on otherwise sealed ground like courtyards or small areas in front of the house. Gardening in a communal space will surely get you in contact with interested neighbours and locals. Especially senior citizens can be pretty savvy with older strains not found in the supermarkets anymore or have some helpful hints and tricks up their sleeves to help you process and cure your veggies.



HOW TO ELEVATE A FLOWER BED



This sign stands for wood that can be used safely. Important: HT = Heat Treatment

1ST STEP: CONSTRUCTION

If the ground is sealed or you are uncertain about whether there are toxins in the soil, you should erect the elevated flower bed on top of a Euro pallet. You start by putting three or four stacking-frames (from the hardware store) on top of one another on the ground or the euro-pallet. Optionally attach some chicken wire to the bottom, to prevent mice from entering from below.

It is best to find a sunny spot for your elevated bed. Don't place it facing north or underneath a shady tree.

YOU WILL NEED

3-4 STACKING FRAMES from the hardware store

WOOD CHIPPING coarse to fine

COMPOST coarse to fine

AS REQUIRED:
1 Euro pallet as foundation

Chicken wire

GARDENING TOOLS:

Wheelbarrow

Spade

Garden shears

2ND STEP: FILLING

Elevated flower beds work like this: There are several layers from coarse (bottom) to fine material (top) stacked on top of one another. Excess water must be able to drain. The coarse material in the middle layer will decompose over time creating heat (like floor heating). In the fine layer on top plants are able to grow well. The respective layers should be between 20 and 30 centimetres in height and compressed well, so that they don't subside.



FINISHED COMPOST SOIL OR GARDEN SOIL

KITCHEN SCRAPS OR FRESH DUNG
serve as floor heating and nutrient supply

TIP: A coating of sod, garden waste, leaves or even cardboard between the layers will prevent the finer material from subsiding to the bottom.

BRANCHES & SHRUB CUTTINGS
on the very bottom bigger and coarsely cut material, on top fine branches and twigs

