Bed Build Guide

Beds are 8’ x 4’ and 12” tall.

*Very important* You only use untreated wood for vegetable gardening. Treated wood poses a health risk.

Materials:
● 2”x12”x8’ untreated spruce boards
● 3-½” exterior screws
● Landscape fabric
● Drill

For one garden bed, you will need:
● Three 2”x12”x8’ untreated spruce boards. Cut one board into two 4’ long pieces.
● The total cost of wood for one bed should be about $40.

Note: The price of lumber changes over time, so the exact cost will vary slightly.

Construction:
● Before construction, make sure boards are cut to the appropriate length.
● Lay out wood for each bed.
● Check lumber and construct beds with the best looking sides facing out. Writing and tattoos should not be on the outside of the bed.
● Hold boards up. Line up top, bottom, and sides of boards evenly.
● The short boards should be on the outside. Screw through the 4’ board into the 8’ board using a 3-½” screw. Use three screws to secure each edge.
● Before filling each bed, put a layer of landscape fabric on the bottom. Landscape fabric provides a weed barrier and prevents any possible contamination from lead in soil below.
● Fill the bed with compost.