

Land Guard Raised Bed: Assembly, Soil-Fill & Planting-Depth Guide

An original companion guide for the Land Guard Galvanized Raised Garden Bed Kit, Oval 4x2x1 ft. Written from public product research and general gardening practice. This guide is not affiliated with or endorsed by Land Guard or Amazon.

1. Before You Build

- Pick level ground with at least 6 hours of sun. Avoid low spots where water pools.
- Lay out all panels, nuts, bolts, and support rods first. Count the nuts: some buyers report short hardware packets.
- Wear work gloves. The top and bottom edges are rolled, but cut edges and bolt ends can still scratch.
- Keep a small dish for hardware so nothing rolls away in the grass.

2. Assembly in 5 Steps

- Step 1: Join the curved end panels to the straight side panels, loosely at first.
- Step 2: Fit the centre support rods before you tighten anything.
- Step 3: Check the oval shape from above. Adjust while bolts are still loose.
- Step 4: Tighten all bolts evenly, working around the frame.
- Step 5: Set the frame in its final spot and press it lightly into the soil so it sits level.

Tip: a second pair of hands makes step 2 much easier. If you plan to stack two beds, buy longer bolts in advance, since the stock bolts are too short for stacking.

3. Cheap Layered Soil Fill (for 7.14 cubic feet)

Filling a bed with bagged mix alone gets costly. Layering cuts the cost and feeds the soil over time:

- Bottom layer (about 4 inches): coarse sticks, twigs, and dry leaves. This is the bulky base.
- Middle layer (about 4 inches): compost, aged manure, or grass clippings.
- Top layer (about 4 inches): quality topsoil mixed 50/50 with compost.

Water each layer as you add it. Expect the fill to settle by an inch or two in the first weeks, then top it up with compost.

4. What Grows Well in 12 Inches?

Great in 12 inches	Lettuce, spinach, herbs, radishes, bush beans, peppers, strawberries, spring onions.
Use with care	Compact tomato types and short carrots. Give them the full depth and rich top soil.
Needs a taller bed	Full-size tomatoes, parsnips, and long carrots. Pick a 17-inch or taller bed instead.

5. First-Season Care Checklist

- Water deeply, not little and often. Metal beds dry out faster in hot sun.
- Mulch the surface with straw or leaves to hold moisture.
- Check bolts after the first heavy rain and re-tighten if the frame has shifted.
- Avoid dragging sharp tools across the panels, since deep scratches can invite rust.
- At season end, top up with compost rather than emptying the bed.

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