

## Building A RMP Raised Garden/Flowerbed

### List of items needed:

- 4 – RMP Raised Garden brackets (wood screws are included)
- 4 - 2x8"s or 2x10"s or 2x12"s (purchase and cut to length at your local lumber store)
- A quality impact driver with a Philips bit will make easy work of this project
- A pick and/or shovel and a rake for leveling your site
- A level, a square, a ruler or tape measure and a pencil

### Level the site:

1. Pick a spot for your future RMP raised flowerbed or garden
2. Level the area as best you can. You will have a chance to make leveling adjustments to the site later.

### Build the bottom row:

3. Use a tape measure or ruler to find the middle of your RMP Raised Garden bracket and transfer a pencil mark to the outside edge of the bracket.
4. With the middle of the bracket identified place your bracket over the end of your 2x8 or 2x10 and slide the bracket to where your pencil mark is at the top of the board. You will build the bottom row first and you will have a chance to add the second row later.
5. Using the wood screws provided attach the bracket to your first board. If all four sides of your garden are not the same length then we recommend you attach all four brackets to ends of your two longest boards first.
6. With all four brackets attached to the two longest boards you can begin to attach the two shorter sides of your bottom row.
7. After you have your bottom row of your raised bed completed move it into place and to make sure it is level. Use your level to check all four sides of the raised bed and then make any needed leveling adjustments.
8. Hold your square on the inside of each corner to make sure the bottom row of your raised bed is square.

### Build the second row:

9. Repeat the process for the second row

### Optional:

10. It is recommended that you add some galvanized chicken wire to the bottom of your garden to help prevent moles from burrowing into your garden.
11. It is recommended that you add a weed barrier to the bottom of your garden that will allow water to drain out but help prevent weeds from getting in.
12. It is recommended that you add a heavy mil plastic to the inside of your garden walls to prevent any chemicals that may be in treated lumber from leaching into your garden.
  - When attaching the plastic to the insides of your garden walls we like to use a 1" round plastic cap roofing nail. Remember that 2x8's and 2x10's are only 1 ½" thick so use a nail that will not poke all the way through your garden wall.
  - Also, when attaching plastic on the inside of your garden walls we held our plastic about 1 ½" down from the top edge and we recommend that apply your plastic cap roofing nails generously, especially around the top edge of the plastic.

### Final Step:

Fill your garden with dirt and plant your flowers, herbs and vegetables. Enjoy!