

## vidaXL 47049

# vidaXL Garden Raised Bed Instruction Manual

Model: 47049 | Brand: vidaXL

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the vidaXL Galvanised Steel Rectangular Garden Raised Bed. This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient assembly, operation, and maintenance of your new raised bed. Please read these instructions carefully before beginning assembly and retain them for future reference. This raised bed is designed to provide an ideal environment for growing flowers, vegetables, and herbs, offering benefits such as improved drainage, better soil control, and easier access for gardening tasks. Its durable galvanised steel construction ensures longevity and resistance to weather elements.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety during assembly and use. Failure to follow these safety guidelines may result in injury or damage to the product.

- **Wear Protective Gear:** Always wear work gloves to protect your hands from sharp edges during handling and assembly of metal components. Safety glasses are also recommended.
- **Handle with Care:** Metal panels can be heavy and have sharp edges. Lift and move components carefully to avoid cuts or pinches.
- **Assembly Area:** Assemble the raised bed on a flat, stable surface, clear of obstructions. Ensure adequate space around the assembly area.
- **Children and Pets:** Keep children and pets away from the assembly area. Small parts could be a choking hazard.
- **Secure Fasteners:** Ensure all bolts, nuts, and screws are tightened securely as per the instructions to maintain structural integrity.
- **Stability:** Once assembled and filled, the raised bed will be heavy and stable. Ensure it is placed on level ground to prevent tipping.

## 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Before beginning assembly, verify that all parts listed below are present and undamaged. If any parts are missing or damaged, please contact vidaXL customer support.

- Galvanised Steel Panels (various sizes)
- Corner and Support Brackets
- Fasteners (bolts, nuts, washers)
- Assembly Tool (e.g., wrench)
- Instruction Manual

## 4. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Follow these steps carefully to assemble your vidaXL Garden Raised Bed. It is recommended to have two people for assembly due to the size and weight of some components.

1. **Unpack and Identify Parts:** Carefully unpack all components and lay them out. Refer to the parts list to ensure everything is accounted for.
2. **Assemble Side Panels:** Begin by connecting the long side panels. Align the pre-drilled holes and secure them using the provided bolts, nuts, and washers. Do not fully tighten fasteners until all panels are in place.
3. **Attach End Panels:** Connect the shorter end panels to the assembled long sides, forming the rectangular shape. Ensure all edges align properly.
4. **Install Corner and Internal Support Brackets:** Insert the corner brackets to reinforce the structure. For longer models, internal support brackets (as shown in the image below) are crucial for stability. Attach these according to the diagrams in your specific product's assembly guide.
5. **Tighten All Fasteners:** Once all panels and brackets are in place and the structure is correctly aligned, systematically tighten all bolts and nuts using the provided tool. Ensure a firm and secure connection for maximum stability.
6. **Position the Raised Bed:** Carefully move the assembled raised bed to its desired final location. Ensure the ground is level and well-drained.



**Image 4.1:** An assembled vidaXL Galvanised Steel Garden Raised Bed, showcasing its rectangular shape and green finish. This image provides a general view of the final product after successful assembly.



**Image 4.2:** A close-up view of an internal support bracket within the raised bed structure. These brackets are essential for reinforcing the long sides of the bed, preventing bowing when filled with soil.

## 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once your raised bed is assembled and positioned, it's ready for planting. Follow these guidelines for optimal use:

- **Prepare the Base:** Since this is a bottomless raised bed, ensure the ground beneath is prepared. You may want to lay down a layer of cardboard or weed barrier fabric to suppress weeds.
- **Fill with Soil:** Fill the raised bed with a high-quality soil mix suitable for your plants. A common practice is to use a 'lasagna gardening' method with layers of organic matter, compost, and topsoil to reduce the amount of purchased soil needed and improve fertility.
- **Planting:** Plant your desired flowers, vegetables, or herbs according to their specific needs for spacing and depth. The raised height makes planting and tending easier on your back.
- **Watering:** Raised beds tend to dry out faster than in-ground gardens. Monitor soil moisture regularly and water as needed, especially during dry periods.
- **Drainage:** The bottomless design ensures excellent drainage, preventing waterlogging.



**Image 5.1:** Multiple vidaXL raised garden beds positioned in a garden, filled with soil and various plants. This illustrates the product in its intended use, enhancing the aesthetic and functionality of an outdoor space.

## 6. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance will extend the lifespan of your raised bed and ensure continued gardening success.

- **Regular Cleaning:** Periodically wipe down the exterior of the raised bed with a damp cloth to remove dirt and debris. Avoid abrasive cleaners that could damage the finish.
- **Inspect Fasteners:** Annually inspect all bolts and nuts to ensure they remain tight. Re-tighten if necessary to maintain structural integrity.
- **Soil Management:** Over time, soil in raised beds can settle and deplete nutrients. Amend the soil annually with compost or other organic matter to replenish nutrients and maintain good structure.
- **Winter Care:** In regions with harsh winters, consider covering the raised bed to protect the soil and structure from extreme weather. While galvanised steel is weather-resistant, prolonged exposure to standing water or ice can affect its lifespan.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

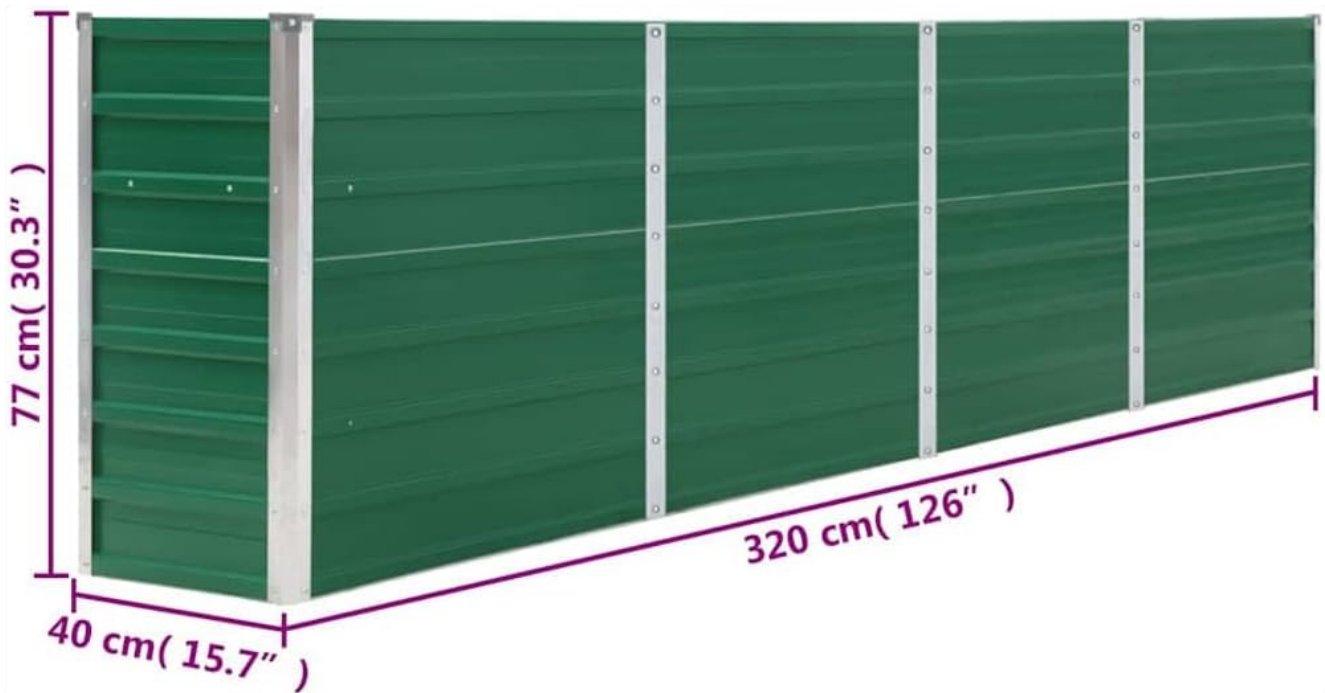
Here are some common issues and their potential solutions:

- **Issue: Raised bed appears wobbly after assembly.**  
**Solution:** Ensure all fasteners are fully tightened. Check that the raised bed is placed on a completely level surface. Uneven ground can cause instability.
- **Issue: Sides of the raised bed are bowing outwards after filling with soil.**  
**Solution:** This indicates insufficient internal support. Ensure all internal support brackets are correctly installed and securely fastened. For very long beds, additional internal bracing might be considered if not already present.
- **Issue: Poor plant growth or waterlogging.**  
**Solution:** While the bottomless design promotes drainage, ensure the underlying ground is not compacted clay or another impermeable layer. Improve soil quality by adding compost and organic matter to enhance aeration and nutrient availability.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

Key specifications for the vidaXL Galvanised Steel Rectangular Garden Raised Bed (Model 47049):

Feature	Specification
Material	Galvanised Steel
Color	Green
Dimensions (L x W x H)	126" x 15.7" x 30.3" (320 cm x 40 cm x 77 cm)
Shape	Rectangular
Planter Form	Raised Bed (Bottomless)
Special Feature	Rust Resistant
Assembly Required	Yes



**Image 8.1:** A diagram illustrating the key dimensions of the vidaXL Garden Raised Bed: 126 inches (320 cm) in length, 15.7 inches (40 cm) in width, and 30.3 inches (77 cm) in height.

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding warranty coverage, returns, or technical support, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official vidaXL website. You may also contact the seller directly through the platform where the purchase was made.

When contacting support, please have your model number (47049) and proof of purchase readily available.