

Outsunny Galvanized Raised Garden Bed Kit – Use and Care Manual

1. Assembly Instructions

- **Unpack Components:** Lay out all parts, including metal side panels, corner connectors, and the protective rubber edging. Ensure all pieces are intact before starting.
- **Connect Panels:** Align the metal side panels with the corner connectors. Slide the panels into the grooves of the corners until they fit snugly—no tools required for basic assembly.
- **Attach Safety Edging:** Press the protective rubber seal along the top edges of the panels, ensuring it covers all sharp edges completely. This creates a safe, smooth surface for handling.
- **Final Check:** Confirm all panels are securely connected and the bed is stable. Adjust as needed to ensure the structure is square and level before adding soil.

2. Planting Guide

- **Location Setup:** Place the garden bed in an outdoor area with adequate sunlight (6–8 hours daily for most vegetables and flowers). Ensure the surface is flat to prevent tipping.
- **Soil Preparation:** Fill the bed with high-quality potting soil or garden soil mixed with compost. Leave a 1-inch gap from the top to avoid overflow when watering.
- **Plant Selection:** Ideal for herbs (basil, mint), vegetables (tomatoes, lettuce), or flowers (marigolds, petunias). Follow spacing guidelines for each plant to allow proper growth.
- **Planting Depth:** Adjust planting depth based on the plant type—shallow roots (herbs) need 4–6 inches, while deeper roots (tomatoes) may use the full 16.5-inch height.

3. Daily Use Tips

- **Watering:** Water plants when the top 1–2 inches of soil feel dry. The open bottom allows excess water to drain naturally, so avoid overwatering—this prevents root rot and keeps soil healthy.
- **Weeding:** Remove weeds regularly to reduce competition for nutrients. The elevated design makes weeding easier, minimizing bending or kneeling.
- **Harvesting:** Use gentle hands when harvesting to avoid damaging plants or the bed's edges. The rubber edging protects hands during frequent access.

4. Care & Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** Rinse the bed with water periodically to remove dirt or debris. For stubborn grime, use a soft brush and mild soap, then rinse thoroughly—avoid harsh chemicals that may damage the galvanized finish.
- **Rust Prevention:** The galvanized steel resists rust, but inspect for scratches. If damage occurs, touch up with a rust-inhibiting spray (ensure it's plant-safe) to protect the metal.
- **Seasonal Care:** In winter, empty soil if storing outdoors to prevent freezing damage. For year-round use, add a layer of mulch to insulate roots in cold weather.
- **Modular Expansion:** To expand, connect additional kits by aligning panels and corners. Ensure all edges are covered with safety edging to maintain a safe design.

5. Safety Notes

- Do not stand or sit on the garden bed—excess weight may bend the panels.
- Keep the rubber edging intact; replace if damaged to prevent exposure to sharp metal edges.
- When moving the bed, lift from the bottom edges (not the sides) to avoid bending panels.
- Keep away from excessive moisture in enclosed spaces (e.g., garages) to preserve the galvanized finish.