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gardening with raised beds.

First, the soil warms up quicker in spring and drains better than conventional gardens.

Next, the plant roots have more area and can mine the soil better for nutrients and water.

Because it isn't walked on, there is less compaction and erosion.

Finally, the elevation of the garden increases the accessibility for people who have difficulty bending and stooping.

Disadvantages of maintaining a raised bed garden includes the upfront labor and expense...although every garden involves

some labor and expense.

Raised beds dry out quicker when the weather is hot and dry, so to make things handy, having a water hose close by is advised.

Lastly, they are somewhat permanent and they don't work on sloped areas.

So, if you are a first-time gardener or a seasoned green thumb, raised bed gardening can be an enjoyable and gratifying experience.

How you build one, how many you build, and what you grow is entirely up to you.



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