LASAGNA GARDENING!!!
Many different containers and/or beds!

Not this Lasagna!

Gardening Lasagna

This Kind!

Lasagna Gardening

Instead of filling a raised bed or a berm/hill garden bed with soil, Lasagna gardening is filling your bed with stackable items that will provide nutrients for your plants.

Berm / Hill gardening

Berm or hill gardening is taking the area that you want your vegetable garden and using the Lasagna layering technique to make hills in rows for your garden.

Raised bed gardening

Raised bed gardening is taking the area that you want your vegetable garden and building or buying raised beds and placing them in your area. Lasagna layering technique allows you to fill those beds.

Container gardening

Container gardening allows you to put your garden anywhere you would like. Lasagna layering technique allows you to fill your containers.

The Method!

Of course, you need to clear the area you want to place your raised bed or berm/hill garden. Or you can just use containers which will cut your setup time.

Then it is all about the layering of the materials in the raised bed/hill/container.

Let's collect the materials for our garden.

Materials

The layers are made up of 3 types:

- **Base Layer – cover the area with newspaper or cardboard. You want a large base layer without any gaps, so make sure to overlap the sheets a bit.**

- **High Carbon Materials – think of these as your brown layers – peat moss, dried leaves, straw, mulch and sawdust**

- **High Nitrogen Materials – these are your green layers – grass clippings, vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, and manure from plant eating animals.**

Now let's build your garden!

1. A base layer of wet newspaper and/or cardboard that covers the entire space. This will help smother any existing grass or weeds. You only need this on the bottom layer.

2. A high carbon layer, that's your peat moss, dried leaves, straw, mulch, or sawdust. You will need 4 inches of this to the 1 inch of the next layer.

3. A high nitrogen layer, that's your grass clippings, veggie scraps, coffee grounds, and decomposed plant eating animal manure. 1 inch to the 4 inches of your mulch or high carbon layer.

4. Repeat your #2 and #3 layers until you reach your desired height.

Now let’s cook our lasagna!

If you are making your garden in the Fall or do not intend to plant for several months, you can sit back, relax, and let Mother Nature turn your layers into rich, nutrient-dense soil. To speed up the process, cover your bed or container with plastic to trap heat.

Or Plant Right Away!

Alternatively, you can spread seeds on the top of Lasagna layer or pull apart the top Layers to insert your plants. Make sure your layers of compost and any manure are fully decomposed so the roots of your plants don’t get burned.

Containers!

Layer your containers as if they were a bed garden.

If you start now, cover the top with plastic and heat up those layers. Plant when it gets warm and enjoy.

Keeping your Lasagna Garden in Tip-Top Shape

As the growing season progresses, continue the layering process as the layers decompose. Pull any weeds and water as needed.

In future growing seasons, keep layering as in the setup instructions.

Locations for supplies!

Our transfer station allows you to take cardboard and newspaper for your use. Just make sure it is clean and not wet or stained. The mulch from the transfer station has quite a bit of weed seeds so, use at your own risk.

Make sure you use hardwood or pine sawdust.
NO pressure treated wood sawdust.

Chicken manure needs to sit for at least 6 months before you use it.

Straw needs to be clean so you don’t get weeds.

Seed sharing: ask our members if they have extra seeds or go in together when purchasing.

More locations for Supplies

I use Tractor Supply in Cooks Corner for metal raised beds and fencing.

Gardener Supply (gardeners.com) has raised bed corners so you can make your beds any size you want. I get the wood I use from Hunts – rough sawn.

Compost and mulch – I get from EM Wood Construction or I watch for sales at Lowes.

Ask your neighbors to save newspapers, sawdust, and cardboard or even mulch or manure.

Grass Clippings
Mulch
Veggie Scraps
Straw
Grass Clippings
Compost
Veggie Scraps
Mulch
Grass Clippings
Leaves
Cardboard
Ground Soil