

Is it safe to use preservative-treated wood for my raised-bed vegetable garden?

YES!



Wolmanized®
OUTDOOR® WOOD

Wolmanized® Outdoor® Wood is protected against termites and fungal decay and is ideal for many residential applications. When preserved with Wolman® E copper azole to Ground Contact retention, wood is safe and economical for use in vegetable and flower raised bed gardens.

Wolmanized® Outdoor® Wood has been used for decades on farms and in gardens. Laboratory studies indicate that there is no cause for concern from uptake of preservative ingredients into fruits or vegetables. Wolmanized® Outdoor® Wood is preserved with copper, often used in different forms as a soil amendment, and synergistic azoles, used as fungicides that are approved for direct application on food crops.

Building Tips:

- Hot-dipped galvanized fasteners (meeting ASTM A 153) and connectors (ASTM A 653 Class G185 sheet), or better, are recommended.
- Liberally coat all cut ends, holes, or other intrusions into the wood with suitable wood preservative product containing a minimum of 0.675% copper as oxine copper (copper-8 or copper-8-quinolinolate) or 1% copper as copper naphthenate.
- Orient embedded support columns so only treated ends are in ground contact.
- If there's a concern about vegetation coming in contact with treated wood, a liner can be used but is not required.

