

Madison Tips and Common Concerns for building and installing larger wood structures like raised vegetable garden beds, pergolas, sheds and other.

1. First double check that the area you want this structure is level. Many appear level but are not for drainage purposes. Any height differences will impact how the structure looks and works.
2. Most structures that are pre-built or pre-engineered require two people and 4-6 hours.
3. Triple check all the pieces before you start the work!
4. Premark or layout the area you want the structure to go. Do not just wing-it.
5. Make sure that you have all the right tools – most do not.
6. With most wood structures, having the structure not directly in contact with dirt or earth makes it last far longer.
7. With vegetable garden beds – you need hundreds of pounds of gravel and soil to fill them – more than one ever assumes.
8. Please always check the rules for permitting with all structures.
9. If you are going to dig or level your yard – always check for items like wires, pipes or sprinklers.

And the most important tip:

If we are the ones installing – offer us some lemonade or iced tea!