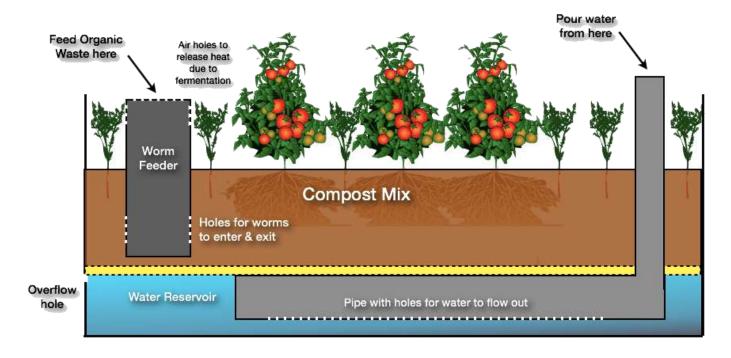
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What is a Wicking Bed - A wicking bed is planter that stores water at the bottom and wicks up the water to the dirt.



Advantages and Disadvantages

Advantages of Wicking Beds

- Excellent for very dry areas especially where water is a concern.
- Great for areas where large trees or plants have invasive roots or where creeping grasses are present.
- If local soil is contaminated you can control the environment.
- As they hold a water reservoir Wicking Beds do not need to be watered daily, and are fine if you are away for a couple of weeks.

Disadvantages of Wicking Beds

- The bed is always in a state of dampness or wetness which does not suit all plants.
- The veggie mix should be changed every couple of years as it is basically an enclosed container.
- The cost and labor input is more expensive than raised beds with drip irrigation.

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Wicking beds can be in containers or built in the ground.

► In Ground Container:



