

# Trench Beds



Trench beds catch and store rainwater from surface run-off or diversion furrows in a bed of soil rich in organic matter (humus)

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Mark out the bed and clear the ground

2



Dig the trench - 3 metres long, 1 ½ metres wide, ½ metre deep; Put topsoil on one side, subsoil on the other

3



Put old tins in the bottom and crush them

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Put in a thick layer of organic waste (or compost) Vegetable peelings, eggshells and other waste from the kitchen. Grass, leaves and thin sticks from the garden

5



Cover with topsoil and water well. Water each new layer of organic waste and soil

6



Cover the top layer with a layer of dry grass or other organic material as a mulch. Newspaper or other thin paper can also be used. Water well

7



Choose and plant the seedlings. The spacing depends on the size of final plant

8



Water the seedlings well

