

How to Prepare a Horse Trough as a Garden Bed



1. Make sure you have good drainage. Drill holes in the bottom of your trough to allow for drainage.



2. Ideally, you will want to set your trough on cinder blocks or bricks to allow the water to drain out thoroughly. If you raise the trough to facilitate drainage, make sure you have enough support under the trough so it doesn't buckle due to the weight.
3. Put 3-6" of gravel, broken pot shards or other material at the bottom of the trough to help with drainage.



4. Put a fine mesh over the drainage material to keep your soil from slowly leaking out (and potentially clogging drainage holes).

