Contour Gardening with Woody Beds

**SIDE VIEW**

FIGURES 1A, 1B.
Place stakes in a row on contour. Each row will be the center line of a garden bed. Rows should be at least 8 feet (2.4 meter) apart. A trench should be removed (approximately 2 feet (60 cm) wide and 1 foot (30 cm) deep - see dotted line) and filled with logs and sticks.

**TOPOGRAPHICAL (BIRDS-EYE VIEW)**

FIGURES 2A, 2B, 2C.
Woody material should be covered with compost. Top soil should cover the bed at least 4 feet (1.2 meters) wide - see flags. The soil around the beds should be removed and leveled approximately 1-4 inches (2.5-10 cm) deep and filled with mulch - see dotted lines.

FIGURES 3A, 3B.
The beds can be planted and mulch applied to all areas on and around the beds.

**Water Flow:** The large mulched areas around the garden beds will act as water collectors - see arrows. Each time it rains, water will slowly seep deeper into the mulch and the garden beds, and it will eventually be stored deep in the woody beds and underlying soil.