



Gopher Block™ Installation Guide

Preparing the Area:



Remove any rocks and debris from the desired installation area. Next, level out the installation area as much as possible. (The area can slope, but for ease of installation, try to make it an even plane as much as possible)

Smoothing Out the Area:



Using a lawn roller, (can be rented from a local hardware store) smooth out the area. The end result will be a compacted surface which will be ideal for laying the gopher wire.

Roll out the Gopher Wire:



Unroll the wire and using ground staples, stake the ends of the wire together. To ensure that the wire lays flat, stretch the wire slightly.

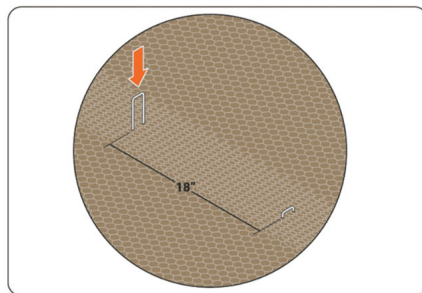
Overlapping:



When placing the wire side-by-side be sure to overlap a minimum of 3".

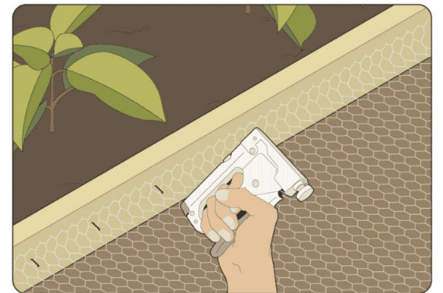
Note: Do not simply butt the ends up. Over time this can create a small gap where a gopher could potentially penetrate and squeeze through the wire.

Install Ground Staples:



To ensure that the wire stays in place, use ground staples to secure the wire to the ground every 18" on the perimeter and overlapping areas. The wire can be cut using standard wire cutters or sharp garden shears to fit the area.

Boarders:



If installing a boarder with the gopher wire, be sure to fold the wire up and then affix to the boarder. This will ensure that a hidden gap is not created on the edge where a gopher could squeeze through. It is a good idea to physically attach the wire to the edging if possible using staples. This will help the wire to stay in place regardless of future minor earth movements or swelling that may take place.

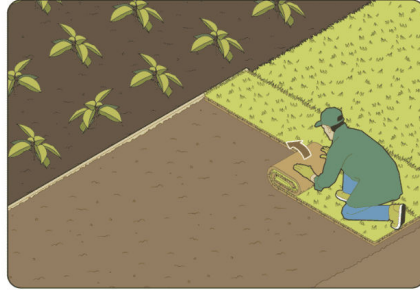


Add Soil:



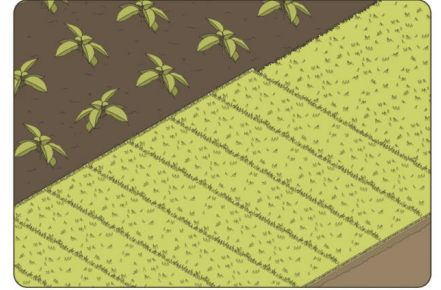
Next, add soil to the installation area. Spread an equal amount of soil covering the wire under an equal depth of 1" - 1-1/2". After spreading, use a lawn roller again to even out and compact the soil on top of the wire.

Lay Sod:



Next lay the sod on top of the area. When rolling the sod out, be careful when walking on the compacted, smoothed out soil. Be careful not to significantly disturb the compacted soil, exposing the wire.

Enjoy your Lawn



With Gopher Block gopher wire installed, your lawn area will now be protected against gopher damage and intrusion in the future.

Important:

It is essential that all of the gopher wire makes complete contact with the soil. In any areas where the wire is "bubbled" or pushes away from the soil, use extra ground staples to secure it to the ground.

Note:

It is ok to walk on the wire directly when installing. It is not a good idea to drive a machine on the bare gopher wire as the turning wheels or tracts can easily rip up the wire.