

## TREE SURROUND BUNDLE GUIDE

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### THE BENEFITS OF TREE SURROUNDS



Mulching your trees is beneficial in a number of ways:

- keeps tree roots cool in the summer and warm in the winter;
- prevents weeds which helps the tree to get more from the soil and boosts visual appeal;
- prevents soil erosion, and;
- increases the nutrients in the soil (if you apply an organic mulch).

Tree surrounds help you ensure that mulch is where you intend it to be protecting and nourishing your tree.

Surrounds also help you to maintain a tidy outdoor space. And they are an opportunity to add and incorporate a design element into your landscape.

The unique hexagon surround you can create with 2xEDGE staples affords clean, modern lines and a singular focal point.

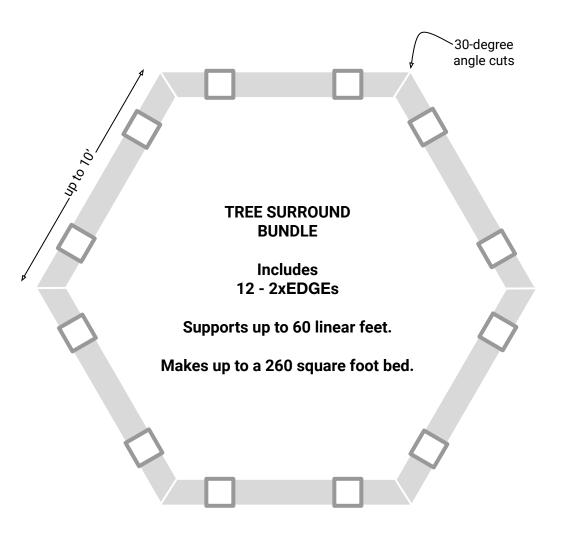
Use 2xEDGE staples to create a custom surround that looks and functions great for your specific tree and your unique garden design.



## TREE SURROUND PLAN

Install 2xEDGE staples 6-12" from each end of your lumber





LUMBER LENGTH	SQUARE FEET*	DIAGONAL
3'	23.5	6'
4'	42	8'
5'	65	10'
6'	93.5	12'
7'	127	14'
8'	166	16'
9'	210.5	18'
10'	260	20'

<sup>\*</sup> Square footage numbers are rounded up to half or whole ft2.

### **HOW TO INSTALL 2xEDGE STAPLES**









- **STEP 1** Place your lumber where you want it, ensuring it's perpendicular to the ground, and then place the 2xEDGE staple over the lumber where you want to install it.
- **STEP 2** Using the thumb and fingers of your free hand, grip the 2xEDGE staple and hold each leg against the lumber in order to support the legs while you are tapping the staple into place with your rubber mallet.
- **STEP 3** With a firm grip on the 2xEDGE staple and your lumber, strike the 2xEDGE squarely on its crown with your mallet until it is sitting level on your lumber and your lumber is firmly attached to the ground.

Check out our short video showing all the install steps → https://2xedge.com/how-to.

### **REQUIRED TOOLS**

 16 ounce rubber mallet (a regular hammer will dent and deform the top - or crown - of the staple)

#### **OPTIONAL TOOLS**

- Saw (hand saw, circular saw, miter saw, etc.)
- Speed square (to ensure your corners are set at the angle you desire)
- Tape measure
- Garden tools, e.g., garden trowel, hand rake, etc., for clearing the ground where you want to install your lumber

### LUMBER LENGTH GUIDELINES



Two-by lumber is commonly available in 8', 10', 12', 16', and 20' lengths.

Here's how to use 2xEDGE staples with various lengths of lumber.
Install one 2xEDGE staple 12" from each end of your two-by lumber

Install additional 2xEDGE staples as needed for support

up to 10' → two 2xEDGE staples installed 12" from each end

Install a 2xEDGE staple at the midpoint of each piece of lumber

10'+ to 16' → three 2xEDGE staples: install one centered, two 12" from each end

16'+ 20' → four 2xEDGEs: install two 12" from each end, two evenly spaced in between

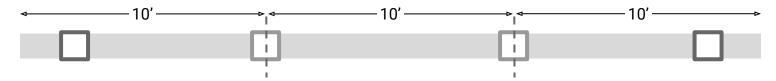
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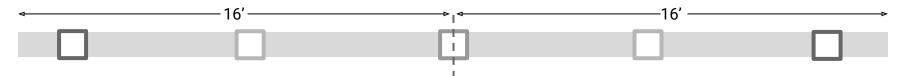
Here's how to install multiple pieces of two-by lumber in a *run* (end-to-end in a line).

Install one 2xEDGE staple 12" from each end of your two-by lumber
Install a staple where two pieces of lumber meet
Install a staple at the midpoint of each piece of lumber

A run of lumber pieces that are 10' or less each → install one 2xEDGE where the pieces of lumber meet, and one 2xEDGE 12" from the end of the piece of lumber at either end of your run.



A run of lumber pieces that are 10'+ to 16' each → install a 2xEDGE where the pieces of lumber meet, and at the midpoint of each piece of lumber, and 12" from the ends of the lumber at either end of your run.



# INSTALLING A RUN OF TWO-BY LUMBER (cont'd)



Here's how to install multiple pieces of two-by lumber in a *run* (end-to-end in a line).

Install one 2xEDGE staple 12" from each end of your two-by lumber
Install a staple where two pieces of lumber meet
Install a staple at the midpoint of each piece of lumber

A run of lumber pieces that are 16'+ to 20' each → install one 2xEDGE where the pieces of lumber meet, and one 2xEDGE 12" from the end of the piece of lumber at either end of your run.

