

INSTRUCTIONS for Birds Choice PEDESTAL DRIPPER

Contents:

straight piece of stainless steel tube
rounded piece of stainless steel tube
black mounting stake
4' piece of black 1/4" tubing
50' roll of black 1/4" tubing
regulating valve
faucet Y valve
1/4" to hose thread adaptor
black tie strap



1. Join the dripper tube sections. Push the assembled tube through the 2 holders on the mounting stake as shown.

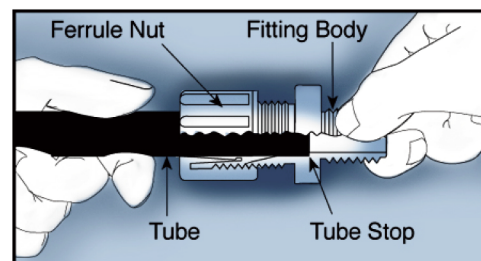


2. Take the short section of 1/4" tubing and insert in the bottom section of the tube. Push until it protrudes out of the top section, then pull back about 2 inches.

3. Take the regulating valve, loosen one of the ferrule nuts (see diagram), insert the tubing that is protruding from the



bottom of the stainless steel tube through the back of the nut all the way through the nut assembly to the tube stop in the fitting body. Tighten.



Refer to this diagram when inserting the tubing into the ferrule nuts

4. Loosen the ferrule nut on the other side of the regulating valve and insert one end of the long roll of 1/4" tubing the same as in step 3.

5. Decide on the location to place your pedestal dripper (next to your bird bath). Step on the horizontal cross piece of the black mounting stake while holding the curled area at the top.

6. Attach the Y-valve to the outside faucet or garden hose, this will allow you to dually use your faucet or garden hose by turning on and off the valves, hand tighten the garden hose adaptor to the Y-valve.



7. Uncurl the 1/4" tubing from the dripper to the faucet. Excess tubing can be trimmed or coiled out of the way (later you can hide the tubing by opening a 1"-2" slit in the lawn or area that the tubing runs, by pushing the head end of a shovel in the ground and pushing the handle back and forth, inserting the tubing and then pressing the slit closed.) Loosen the ferrule nut on the garden hose adaptor and insert tubing as in step 3. Turn the lever on the Y-valve open to allow water to flow through the tube. Attach the black tie strap to the stainless steel tube and the mounting stake to prevent the dripper tube from turning. See back for routine operation instructions.

Routine Operation:

Once the faucet connection is complete, turn the faucet on, flush out the tubing by fully opening the regulating valve (knob with white line), then close the valve until you get the desired drip rate. It is sometimes necessary to repeat this adjustment for the first few days until the drip rate stabilizes. (If there are any leaks, see diagram and wrench tighten the ferrule nut(s).)

The dripper works well year-round as long as temperatures are above freezing. It is better to operate the dripper on a daily basis because this provides the birds with a dependable supply of cool fresh water and also keeps the bird bath full. We recommend a battery operated water timer in establishing a regular on-off schedule which conserves water. With a timer, we often observe the birds gathering around the bath about 15 minutes before the timer is scheduled to come on. Mid to late afternoon seems to be a favorite bathing time. Ask for a timer at your favorite wild bird specialty store or hardware store.

Winter:

Be sure to disconnect the Y-valve with attached faucet hose adaptor from the faucet before freezing weather! Bring it inside along with the tubing and regulating valve. Most outdoor faucets are designed to drain when nothing is connected to them to prevent freeze damage. CAUTION: Failure to disconnect the Y-valve or other devices from the faucet before freezing weather could result in a ruptured water line in your house!



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