



Tubex Tree Shelters & Stakes Installation Guide

Tubex Tree Shelters can be used to protect fledglings and newly establishing trees from a range of wildlife species, but you will require different sizes depending on the species of wildlife you are protecting against.

The sizes available and the animals they protect against are included below:

45cm - Mice & Voles

60cm - Rabbits

75cm - Hares

1.2m - 1.8m - Deer & Livestock

Installing the Tubex Tree Tubes & Shelters is a simple process, follow the steps below to ensure your tree tubes and shelters are fitted correctly.

Site Preparation

Ensure your planting site is clear of obstructions and be sure to test for sod. If sod is present, remove a 6 to 8 inch circular area of it. This process is known as "scalping" the sod.

Planting

Once scalping has been completed, plant your seedling in the centre of the scalped area and ensure your hole is deep enough to accommodate the seedlings roots.

Slide On

If it is a tight squeeze you may need to slide the shelter down over the seedling, take care with any side branches and be sure to hold on to them to prevent them catching on the bottom of the shelter and snapping off.

Apply Pressure

Once the shelter has been slid on and the whole seedling is inside, you will need to push the shelter two or three inches into the ground to ensure the whole seedling is protected. If the shelter won't budge due to firm ground, mound the soil around the base of the shelter then push down again using both hands whilst twisting at the same time.

Staking

Staking takes place once the shelter has been pushed into the ground in the correct position, this process anchors the shelter and ensures it won't be moved around by wildlife or wind. Ensure that your stake goes through any ties you are using, and is secured in the ground by being hammered until there is only one to three inches of the stake left above the top tie. For taller shelters it is important to make sure that the stake goes into the ground completely straight. Once you are happy with the positioning and securing of your stake, tighten the ties to secure the whole package together.

Mesh

For taller shelters, we recommend placing bird mesh over the top and pulling it down to the point where there is a small hole left at the top of the mesh. This adds an extra level of protection and ensures that no small birds will get stuck inside the shelter and harm themselves or your tree.