

# Expandable 1.9" Round Pole

PRT-8513

## WARNING!

### DO NOT ERECT POLE NEAR ELECTRICAL WIRES!

*Please read all instructions prior to installing the pole. Use work gloves when handling the pole sections during installation.*

#### Parts list:

- 1 Top Pole Section (21" Straight Pole)
- 8 Pole Sections (21" Tapered Poles)
- 1 Nylon Rope
- 1 Rope Cleat
- Metal Topper

#### Tools Required:

- Shovel
- Work Gloves

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#### **TO PREPARE THE BASE**

##### Materials Required:

- 5 lbs Pea Gravel
- 80 lb bag of concrete
- \* Ground Sleeve (sold separately)
- Level
- 3 Stakes with string

##### **Step 1:**

Excavate a 12" diameter and 20" deep hole where you wish to install the pole. Add 2" of gravel to the base of the hole for drainage, and tightly cover the bottom opening of the ground sleeve with a piece of cardboard and secure it. Place the ground sleeve in the center of this excavation, and install a tapered side up pole section into the sleeve. If no ground sleeve was purchased, place the pole section with the tapered side up into the gravel. Add another tapered section so you can tie the string to the pole. Tie 3 sections of string to the pole and stake them into soil evenly around the hole. Use the level to make sure the sleeve/pole is perfectly vertical and level until the concrete is set.

##### **Step 2:**

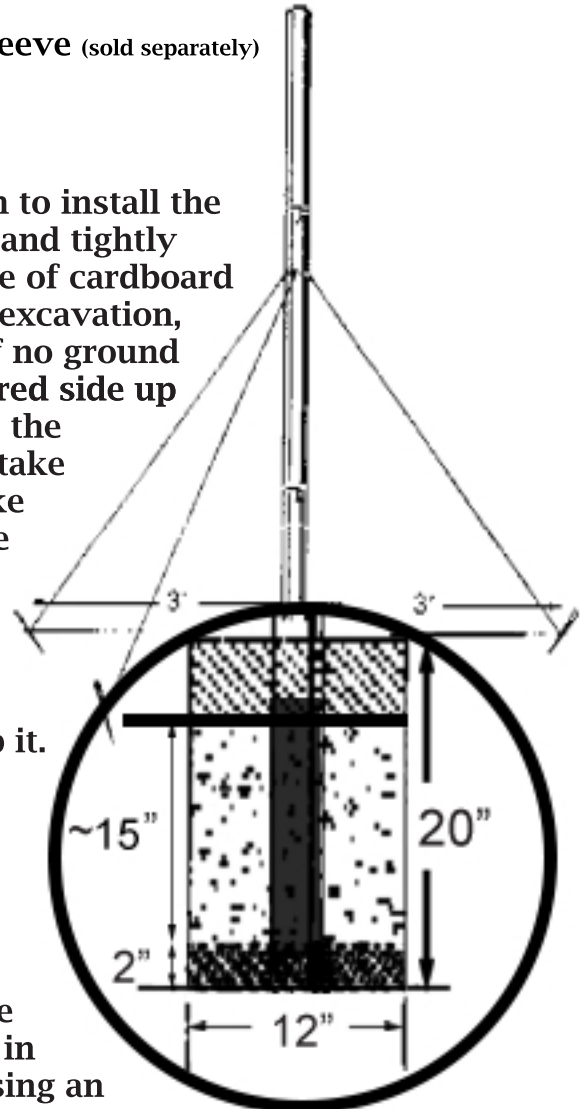
Fill the hole with about 15" of concrete (1" below the top of the sleeve), and allow it to set for 24 hours. Once set, backfill the rest of the excavated area and replace sod atop it.

##### **Step 3:**

Remove the string and stakes, and remove the lowest pole section from the ground sleeve.

##### **Step 4:**

Affix the rope cleat to the lower half of the second pole section. First, determine where you wish to place your rope cleat, then use the provided, self tapping screws to keep it in place. Fully tighten the screws and secure the rope cleat using an electric screwdriver.



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**Step 5:**

Run the nylon rope through the metal topper until it is centered, and you have an even amount on each side of the pulley wheel.

**Note:** The rope runs through the top of this assembly.

**Step 6:**

Push the remaining tapered pole sections together atop the existing, upright pole section. Keep the straight pole section separate.

**Hint:** If your pole sections do not glide together easily, we suggest dipping each end in a bucket of soapy water. This will lubricate the tapered sections and help them slide together.

**Step 7:**

Place the metal topper over one end of the straight top pole section. Put this assembly on the ground next to the built pole. If you are using a product that slides over this pole, install it over the standing pole sections at this time using the instructions included with the item. Double knot the ends of the nylon rope and ensure they are securely fastened below the house or gourd rack.

**Step 8:**

Using a ladder and a helper, place all remaining pole sections atop the standing pole sections.

**Step 9:**

Locate the rope cleat. Pull the end of the nylon rope that is below the house and on the same side as the rope cleat. When the house is at the top of the pole, wrap the nylon rope securely around the rope cleat to keep the shelter in place.

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**Safety Tips:**

- \* When high winds are expected, lower all products on your pole. This will not only protect your pole; it will also help keep your bird house, flags, gourds, or other items in good working condition.
- \* Plan Ahead: Call 811 before you dig to have the utility companies mark any underground lines. Ensure the site chosen will stay clear of tree branches over the years.
- \* When double knotting below the house, tie your double knot around a bolt to make sure the knot does not pull through the hole.