

# Better Engineered Steel Telescoping Martin House Pole PRT-8500

Thank you for purchasing this Telescoping Martin House Pole. For best results, surround the included ground sleeve with concrete, and ensure the pole is clear of wires or tree branches.

**\* For safety, have 2 people present when raising or lowering the pole.**

**\* This pole is rated for houses up to 30 pounds.**

## To Prepare Base

### **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 the lowest section of the pole into the sleeve. Tie 3 sections of string to the pole and stake them into soil evenly around the hole to make sure the sleeve is perfectly vertical and level until the concrete is set.

### **Step 2:**

Fill the hole with about 14" 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. Permanently mark each pole 4" from the bottom section for visibility when telescoping it.

## To Assemble Pole:

### **Step 4:**

Place all sections of the pole on the ground so you can visually identify the different sizes. The lowest section inserts into the sleeve, with the next largest section sliding into that one. Starting with the top section, insert poles into each other in descending order.

### **Step 5:**

Insert one of the included metal locks into the flared section at the top of each pole, and gently push it against the pole to lock the item at your desired height.

### **Step 6:**

Repeat this for the other sections of the pole until you reach the height needed.

