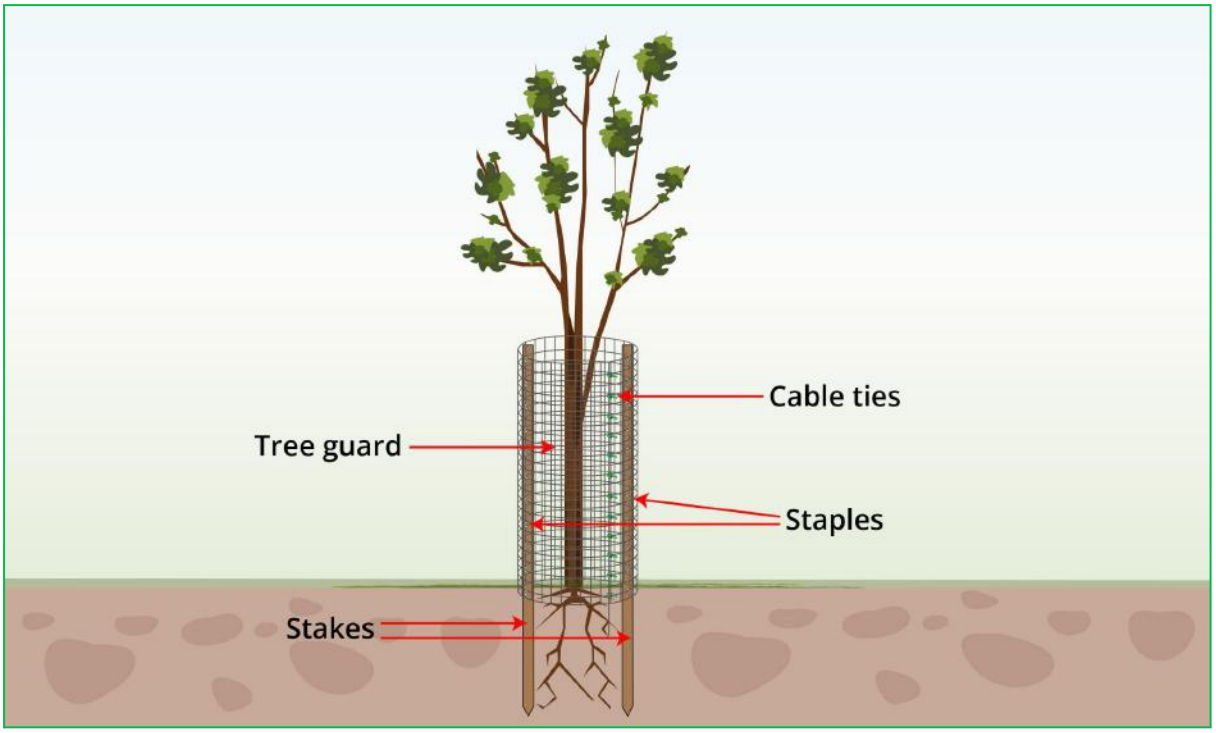
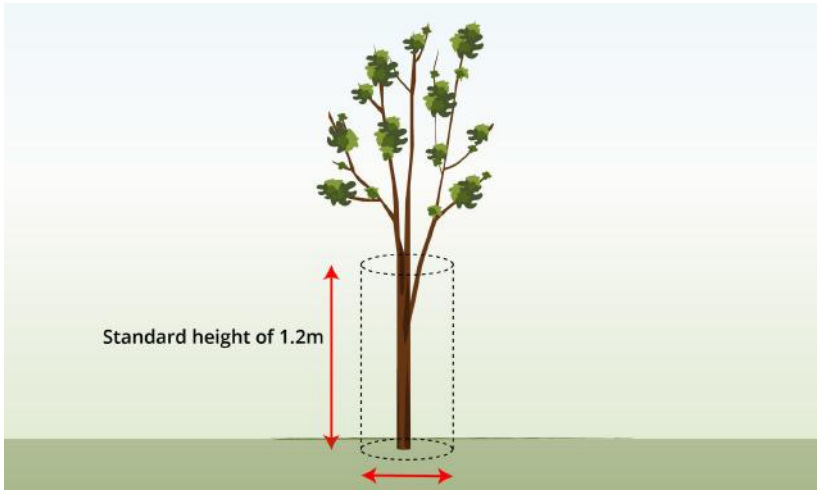
HOW TO INSTALL TREE GUARDS
With Pre-Formed Wire Mesh



THINGS YOU'LL NEED

- Tree guards
- Stakes (wooden/metal)
- Staples
- Cable ties
- Wire cutters
- Hammer
- Tape measure
- Protective gloves (optional)

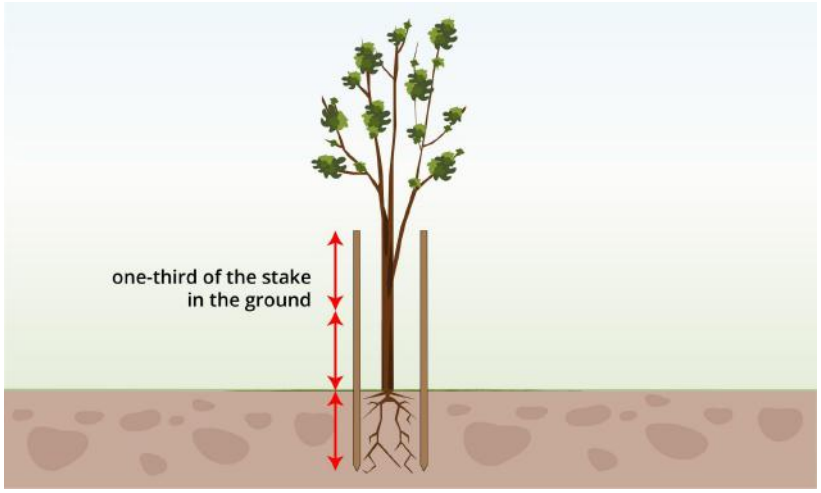
INSTRUCTIONS



Step 1: Site Preparation

Ensure that the location is free from debris or obstructions.

Measure the diameter of the tree trunk at its base to determine the correct size of tree guard needed, whether it's the standard 1.2m height or the taller 1.8m option for increased protection against larger animals.

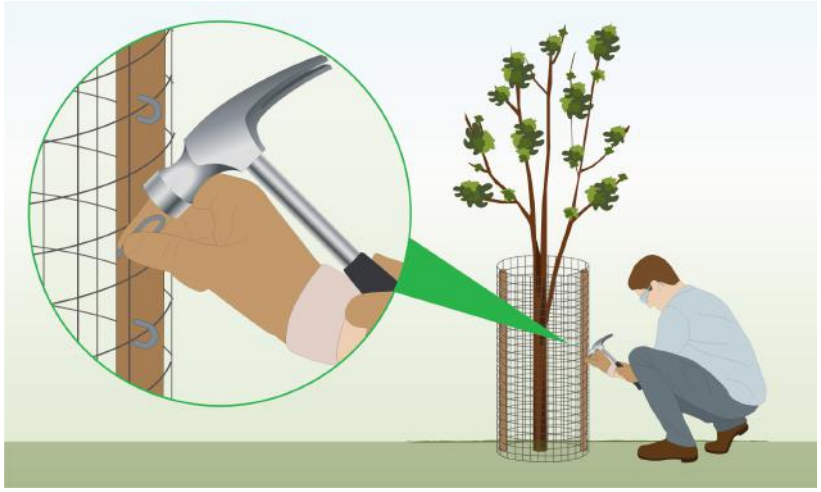


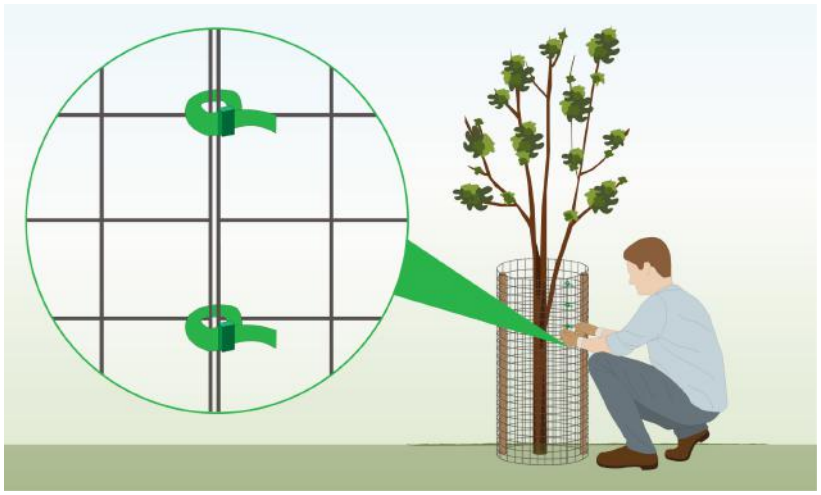
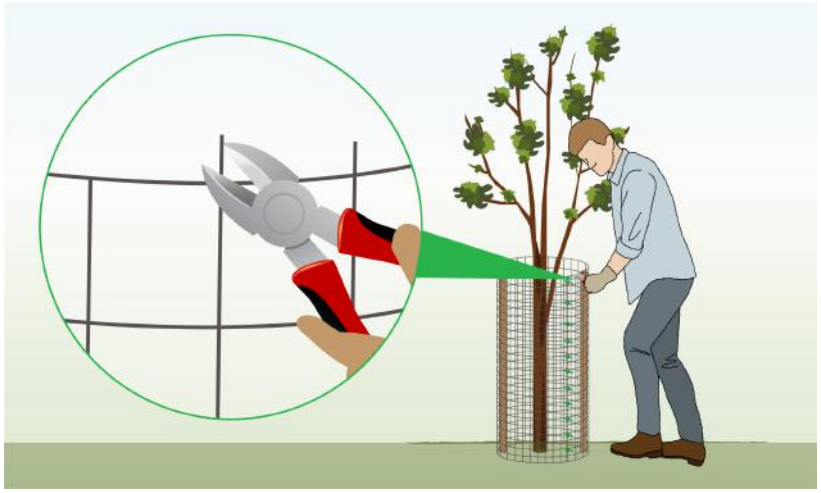
Step 2: Stake Installation

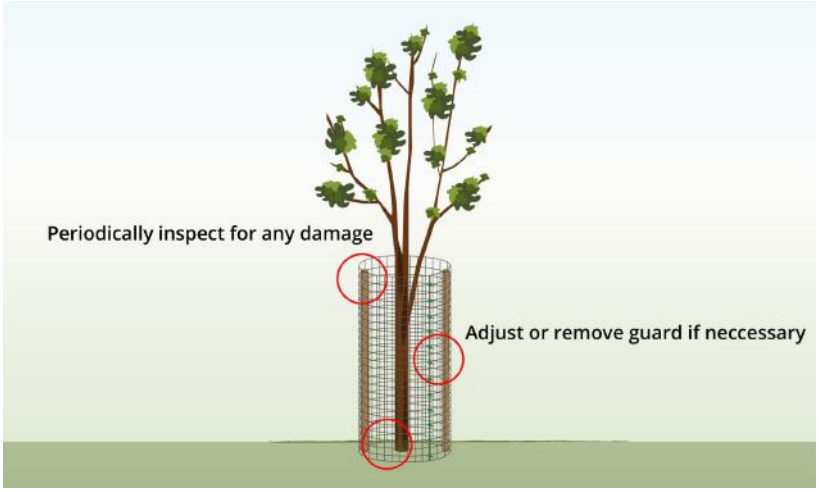
Position a wooden stake inside the tree guard, ensuring it's placed outside the root ball and planting pit.

Utilize a hammer to firmly drive the stakes into the ground, ensuring the stability of the tree guard. It's recommended that approximately one-third of the stake be buried underground.

For most young feathered trees, one or two stakes are typically adequate. However, taller, larger, or more

	vulnerable trees may require additional support, such as double stakes with a crossbar and rubber belting for added security.
	Step 3: Position the Tree Guard Unroll and lay out the pre-formed tree guard so it's ready for placement around the tree. Carefully lift and position the tree guard around the designated area for protection, ensuring complete enclosure. Adjust the placement of the tree guard as necessary to achieve even and secure positioning.
	**Step 4: Attach Tree Guard to the Stakes** After positioning all the stakes, use staples to attach the tree guard securely to the stakes, keeping it in place. If wire stakes are used, employ cable ties or a piece of wire to attach the tree guard.

	**Step 5: Attach Mesh Ends** The mesh ends can be connected easily with cable ties.
	**Step 6: Trim Excess Wire** Employ wire cutters to trim any surplus wire from the tree guard or stakes, ensuring to eliminate sharp edges.



Step 7: Inspect and Maintain

After installing the tree guard, inspect it to confirm it's securely in position and offering sufficient protection to the tree.

Adjust the guard's positioning or tightness as needed to ensure proper fit and functionality.

Periodically inspect the tree guard to verify it remains secure and effective.

Monitor the tree's growth to ensure it's not being restricted by the guard, and make adjustments or remove the guard as required.