How to Unroll Chain Link Fence

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Below you will find a step by step guide on how to unroll a chain link fencing roll correctly.

OVERVIEW

- **Estimated Completion Time:** 10 minutes
- **Experience Required:** Low
- **Tools Required:** Wire Cutters, Protective Gloves
- **Materials Required:** Chain Link Fence

STEP 1) Unpacking the Roll



- Cut the tying wires that are used to fasten the roll and keep it from unravelling.
- Do this carefully so that you don’t cut into the mesh itself.
- Tip: Use protective gloves to shield your hands from any cuts or scratches the wire might cause.

STEP 2) Place the Roll on a Hard Flat Surface



- Place the roll on the ground with the loose end upwards, facing in your direction.
- Pay attention to the direction of the roll, as the chain link can get damaged if it's being dragged on the ground while unrolling.

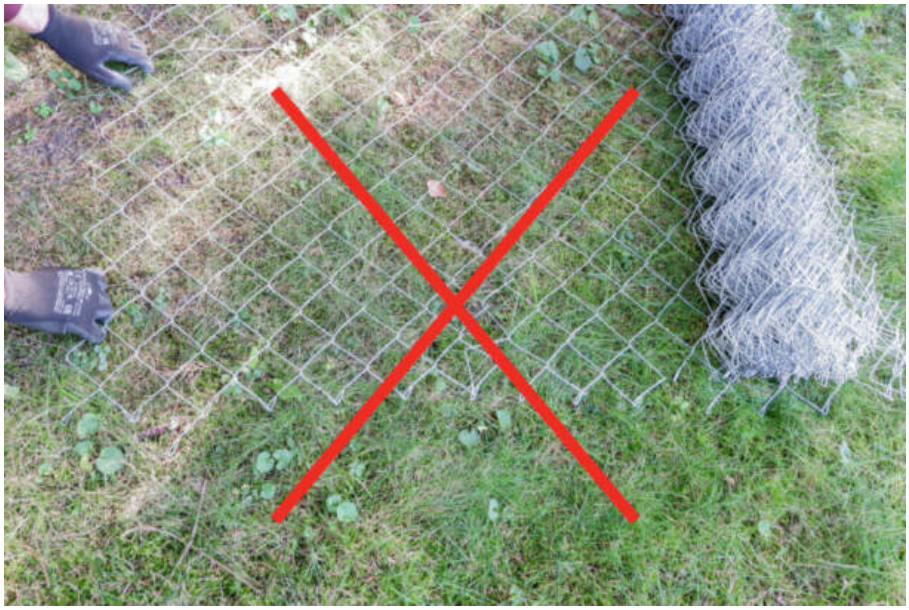
STEP 3) Roll Out the Chain Link



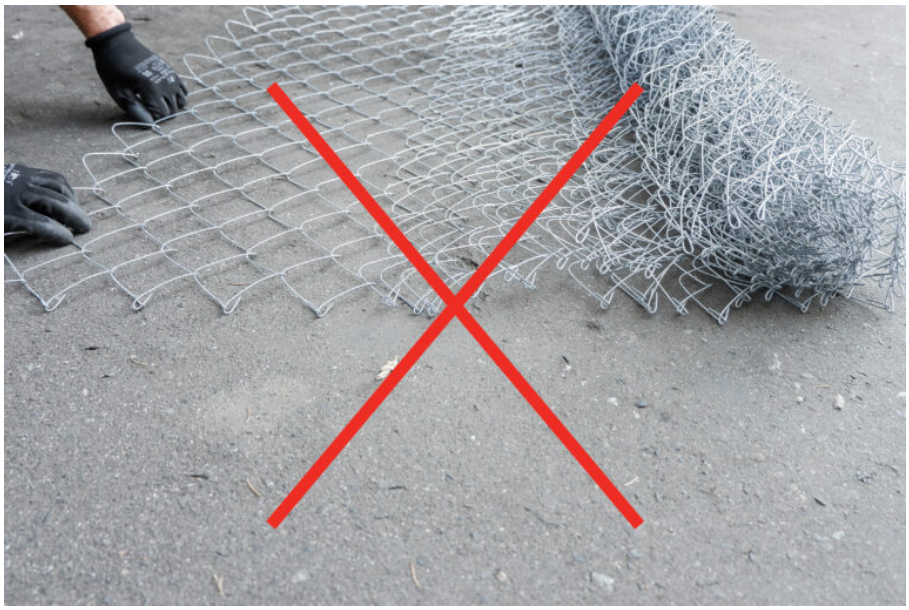
- Start unrolling the mesh carefully, making sure it's not getting caught in anything.

WARNINGS

Working through this guide helped us identify both the strengths and the trickier parts of the process, which we've compiled into the list below to help make this guide more useful.



- Avoid unrolling the chain link on soil or grass as it can get tangled up and undo the edges of the links.



- Make sure that the loose end of the chain link mesh is upwards and not down as it might get damaged if you unroll it that way.
- There is also a slimmer chance that the links will tangle up and get stuck this way.

FURTHER READING

- How to Connect Chain Link Fence – Learn how to connect mesh.
- How to Cut Chain Link Fence – A guide how to cut fabric correctly.
- How to Install Chain Link Fence with T Posts – Step by step installation instructions.

VIDEO

Video: Watch the video on YouTube

Written By

This blog was created by our Technical Consultant, Erno who participated in many chain link fence projects. Take a look at some behind the scenes images below.

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  Erno unrolling the chain link fence used in our installation guide.

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Erno installing the chain link fence for the same tutorial.