

Patience Pole

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How to set your Patience Pole

Step One: You will set the pole approximately 4' into the ground. Dig at least a 20" diameter hole 4'- 4". deep. Bell shape the bottom of the hole as much as possible.

Step Two: Place 4" - 6" of all-purpose gravel or crushed stone in the hole to assist with future water drainage and to help position the pole.

Step Three: Position the pole in the center of the hole, checking to make sure it is level and plumb. You may need to brace the pole to hold it in position. You can do this by using 3' - 4' long 2x4s and C-clamping them to the pole and staking the other end to the ground.

Step Four: Add concrete to the hole. For a 20" hole you need at least 1/3 of a yard of concrete. Fast cure concrete is not recommended because it is not as strong.

Do not try to pour the whole concrete batch at once. Make the first batch stiff (thick) and shovel small amounts of concrete equally around the pole. If you shovel too much concrete to one side at once, especially in the beginning of the pour, it will push the pole to one side and you will lose center, be patient and take your time here. Pour enough in the first batch to bring concrete about a foot up on the pole. Now take a rod, something like a piece of rebar, and gently 'rod' the concrete, i.e. push rod straight down through concrete to bottom of hole - being careful not to do so in a manner that causes the pole to lose center. Do this no more than ten to fifteen times. This ensures that no air is trapped in the mix. If you

rod more than that the mix begins to come apart. Check pole for plumb all around, not just on one side, with a level or inclinometer.

Next, mix concrete batches with more water and gently shovel into the hole in small amounts, being careful not to pour too much at a time or you will disturb the pole's plumb.

The reason the second batch of concrete is made with more water is because soupy concrete cures to have more strength. Repeat rod procedure, extending only slightly to level of first pour, and check for plumb.

Finish pour to top and rod last batch; sculpt the top so that concrete slopes away from pole. If you want, bring concrete to above ground level or leave below ground level so as to add a grass plug later.

Let the concrete cure for 24 hours before removing the bracing. Let the concrete cure for 3 to 4 days more before you begin to use the Patience Pole.

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