



## Outdoor Essentials® Wood Trellis

*Installing a wood trellis is an easy project that will add function and style to your outdoor space. Read this guide to learn how to install and care for your wood trellis.*

### HOW TO INSTALL A WOOD TRELLIS

#### *In the Ground or in a Pot*

For lightweight plants, simply sink the legs into the soil about 12 inches.

For heavier plants that need more support, sink the legs at least two feet into the soil.

If you need to extend the trellis legs, use one of the following options:

- Attach rebar to the legs with wire or twine
- Attach wood stakes to the legs using nails or screws
- Attach metal stakes to the legs using nails or screws

If your soil is too hard to push or hammer the trellis into the ground, dig holes about 1-2 ft deep for each leg. (The depth is determined by the amount of support your plant will need.) Place the trellis legs in the holes and fill in soil around them.

#### *On a Wall or Fence*

You can mount a trellis onto a wall or fence using a trellis bracket. Trellis brackets offset the trellis from the mounting surface. This improves air circulation and provides plants with a space to climb. Since each trellis bracket may be installed differently, follow the instructions provided with the trellis bracket.

### HOW TO CARE FOR A WOOD TRELLIS

At the end of the growing season, remove any dead or crowded vines and rake away leaves near the base of the trellis to minimize rot during the winter.

Prior to planting in the spring, repair, sand, and paint your trellis.

### HOW TO PAINT A WOOD TRELLIS

We recommend using a waterborne exterior urethane enamel on your wood trellis. If you are using a lighter color, it will require at least two coats to cover the underlying color.