

WOOD STAKES

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are wooden stakes used for?

A: Wooden stakes are commonly used for plant and tree support, garden and landscape layout, concrete forming, grading, surveying, and temporary fencing or boundary marking.

Q: What types of projects are wooden stakes best for?

A: Typical projects include tomato and vine support, newly planted trees, landscaping layouts, construction site marking, concrete formwork, and property line or elevation marking.

Q: Are wooden stakes for temporary or permanent use?

A: Most wooden stakes are intended for temporary or short-term use, though hardwood or treated stakes may last longer depending on soil and weather conditions.

Q: Do we offer multiple species of wood options?

A: Yes. Depending on product selection, we offer Southern Yellow Pine, Douglas Fir and some mixed wood options.

Q: What sizes Stakes do you we offer?

A: ProWood® offers assorted sizes of stakes. Common sizes include 12 in., 18 in., 24 in., 36 in., 48 in., and longer lengths for tree staking. Widths often range from 1×1 in. up to 2×2 in.

Q: Should stakes be treated with stain or linseed oil before placing them in ground?

A: No, wooden stakes do not need to be treated before placing them in the ground, as most are intended for temporary use and are commonly installed untreated.

Q: To what depth should the stake be driven?

A: Generally, wooden stakes should be driven into the ground to a depth of about one-third of their total length to provide stable support in typical gardens, landscaping, and construction applications.

Q: How do I choose the right stake size?

A: Stake size depends on the application:

- Smaller stakes for garden plants and layout
- Thicker, longer stakes for trees or construction
- Taller stakes for vines or trellising

Q: Are the dimensions nominal or actual?

A: Most wooden stakes are listed by nominal dimensions; actual dimensions may be slightly smaller due to milling and sanding.

Q: How long do wooden stakes last outdoors?

A: Untreated wooden stakes typically last 1–3 years outdoors, depending on moisture, soil conditions, and wood type.

Q: Can wooden stakes handle wind or heavy loads?

A: Wooden stakes provide moderate strength and are suitable for light to medium loads. Heavy winds or large trees may require thicker stakes or multiple supports.

Q: Do wooden stakes have pointed ends?

A: Most wooden stakes feature a chiseled or pointed end for easier ground insertion.

Q: Can I use wooden stakes as a fence?

A: It is not recommended to use stakes as a fence.

Q: Can I cut wooden stakes to size?

A: Yes. Wooden stakes can be easily trimmed with hand tools or power saws.

Q: Can wooden stakes be painted or stained?

A: Yes. They can be painted, stained, or sealed for visibility, weather resistance, or project customization.

Q: Why choose wooden stakes over metal or plastic?

A: Wooden stakes are biodegradable, easier to cut or customize, and blend naturally into landscapes. They are often more affordable for temporary use.

Q: Why is there a Prop 65 Warning on untreated stakes?

A: A Proposition 65 warning can still apply to untreated wood because normal handling, cutting, or installation can generate wood dust, which is listed by California as a substance that may cause cancer, and the warning is exposure-based rather than treatment-based, even when no chemical preservatives are added.