

# BAMBOO RHIZOME BARRIER

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## INSTALLING THE BARRIER-

1. Dig a trench 28 inches deep around the proposed site, first removing the top soil, then the heavier sub soil. Stack the soils separately. If the site is very narrow, it may be easier to remove all of the soil from the installation rather than digging a trench. Avoid creating tight corners, as this may cause the barrier to fail due to undue stress to the material.
2. Place the barrier into the trench. Being 30 inches tall, the barrier will stand proud of the soil by 2 inches. This will stop any rhizomes escaping over the top without being detected.
3. Secure the overlapping ends with the stainless steel strips. Merely overlapping the ends of the barrier will not stop the escape of the rhizomes. The steel strips are 28 inches tall, the same depth as the trench, and must not protrude above soil level, thereby avoiding injury to feet.
4. Backfill the trench, first with the sub soil, and compact this to drive out all air pockets. Then complete backfilling the trench with the top soil and pack that tight too. At all times, make sure no sharp objects (stones, glass, metal or tree roots) come into contact with the barrier. If the backfilled soil is not packed in tight, when the rhizomes contact the barrier, they may be able to travel down through the loose soil and escape beneath the barrier, totally undetected!

## MAINTAINING THE ENCLOSED BAMBOO-

Check around the perimeter of the barrier once or twice a year, removing any rhizomes trying to escape over the top of the barrier. Avoid digging too close to the barrier, and never allow a mower or any other machinery to damage the protruding plastic. This could cause the rhizomes to escape undetected.

