



## Installation Guide

**1. Prepare site** At the spot where you want to plant the seedling, if there is sod there, remove a 6 to 8 inch circular section of sod. This is called “scalping” the sod.

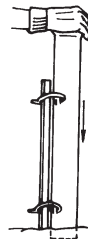
**2. Plant** the seedling in the center of the scalped area making sure that the hole you dig is as deep as the roots of the seedling



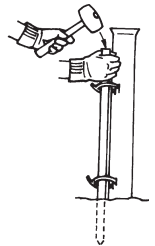
**3. Slide** the shelter down over the seedling. If necessary, hold side branches to prevent them from catching on bottom lip of the shelter. Make sure the tip of the seedling or side branches do not catch on a ties as you slide the shelter down.



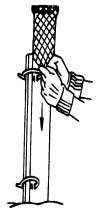
**4. Push** the shelter two to three inches into the ground by holding the top with both hands and twisting as you push down. If the soil is too firm, mound soil around the base of the shelter.



**5. Stake** Anchor the shelter in place with a stake. The stake goes through the tie(s) and should be hammered into the ground so that one to three inches of the stake is left above the top tie. Make sure, especially with 3, 4, or 5 foot shelters, that the stake goes into the ground straight up and down. Once the stake is installed, tighten the tie(s) to secure the shelter to the stake



**6. Mesh** On 3, 4 and 5 foot shelters, put bird mesh over the top of the shelter. Pull it down so that there is a small hole in the top of the mesh. The mesh prevents birds from getting trapped inside the shelter.



### Important Follow Up Maintenance for TUBEX treeshelters

Inspect the installed shelter periodically. Straighten leaning shelters, remove competing weeds around outside of shelter and remove bird mesh if tree is close to or emerging from top of shelter. If weeds begin to grown inside the shelter and shade the tree from the sun, simple reverse the shelter installation process, remove the weed and reinstall the shelter.

### Total Protection System

