



## NO FRILLS FRUIT & VEG CAGE - INSTRUCTIONS

### Note:

- If you have purchased our 1.35m high cage, you will receive 0.75m stakes with connectors – simply attach them together in pairs using the straight connectors to form the correct height. Our 1.6m high cage comes with a combination of 1.2m and 0.75m stakes and connectors.

### Instructions:

1. Choose a suitable location on reasonably flat and pre-prepared ground
2. Decide on a rough template for your cage (if needed, some of the tubing can temporarily be laid on the ground to determine spacing). At each corner, push the stakes that will form the vertical "legs" of your cage into the ground **to a depth of 20-100+mm of the stake**, depending on soil type/consistency. Make sure the stakes are angled inwards slightly - about 15 degrees towards the centre of the template. This will ensure positive pressure on the connector balls when the other tubes are attached, ensuring a strong and stable frame. (Note: 1.35m and 1.6m cages contain straight connectors to join two or more stakes together to achieve the required height and/or width)
3. Attach one of the connector balls onto the top of each vertical stake, pressing firmly to fully locate.
4. Connect the "horizontal" stakes to create the cage roof – again press stakes firmly into balls.
5. Starting from one side, unroll the net over the cage, pull tight and fold the corners neatly. Hospital type corners work well. **Please note: our netting (especially the 7mm mesh butterfly netting) may initially appear smaller than your cage frame as it is compressed in production. However, it is designed to be stretched sideways/by width to cover your area while maintaining correct mesh diameter for protecting crops. To assemble: pin net on one side, stretch and unroll net over the cage, pull tight, fold corners neatly and pin down on other sides.**
6. Space the pegs evenly round the cage and secure the bottom of the net. **Ensure netting is tightly pegged down around cage perimeter on at least 3 sides.** Taut netting will help fully support the frame. Trim off and discard any excess net if needed.

### Tips & Advice:

- Cable ties or net clips can be used to hold the net more firmly
- If assembling the cage over a wooden bed, you can staple 3 sides of the net to the wood
- To create an access point, pin netting firmly on three sides. Partially pin netting on the fourth (access) side. Bunch remaining netting and secure with a pin, brick or similar. This can be unpinned and easily lifted when access is required
- In windy locations, we recommend inserting tubes into ground to a depth of 150mm
- Our cages are NOT designed to stand the weight of significant snowfall. In the event of moderate to heavy snow, we recommend taking down the cage or, at a minimum, removing the top netting. If not, snow will collect on the mesh and your cage is likely to collapse.