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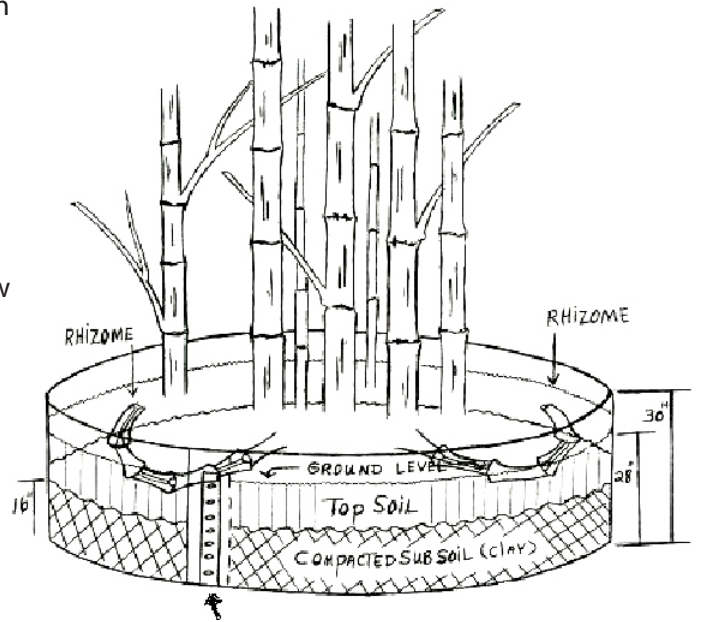
Installing a Deep Root Bamboo Barrier

Bamboo makes an ideal garden plant. It grows quickly to provide both privacy and beauty. We have both running and clumping types of bamboo, but it is the running varieties of bamboo that needs to be controlled.

Our bamboo barrier has proven to be an effective material to prevent the unwanted spread of bamboo. The smooth surface of the bamboo barrier acts as a root stop, diverting the rhizome and preventing rampant growth. The rhizomes will not penetrate the barrier (as long as there are NO cuts, or gaps) rather it will turn and continue to grow along the surface of the barrier. This helps to contain the bamboo and prevent unwanted spread, but remember it is NOT maintenance free! You still need to keep a watchful eye on your bamboo.

INSTALLING

- The bamboo barrier we recommend is an extremely tough, flexible plastic. We can cut it to whatever length you need.
- Dig a trench 22 inches deep if installing the 24-inch bamboo barrier or 28 inches deep if using the 30-inch barrier.
- Keep top soil separate from the subsoil while digging your trench.
- If you are planting a small area or a narrow row of bamboo for a screen it is best to dig all of the soil from planting area.
- Place the barrier in the trench in which 2 inches should stick above the trench. This stops any rhizomes escaping over the top without being detected.
- Be sure to compact the bottom of the trench as well as possible.
- Do your best to angle the barrier away from the enclosed area. You want the rhizomes that hit's the barrier in the future to be directed upwards by the barrier.
- Secure the overlapping ends with the galvanized steel strips. Be sure that the overlap is only 2 or 3 inches.
- Back fill the trench with subsoil and compact this to drive out all air pockets.
- Then complete back filling the trench with the top soil: pack that tightly, too.
- Spread 2 to 5 inches of **Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost** or **Bark Nuggets**.



MAINTAINING

Check around perimeter of the barrier once or twice a year. Removing any rhizomes trying to escape over the top of the barrier or rhizomes that track just underground along edges. Prune the underground rhizomes around the perimeter of your bamboo planting area once in summer & in fall during their active growth period. Remove sections of bamboo every 4 to 5 years in the spring before new growth appears.

CHECK LIST

- Bamboo Barrier
- Clamps & Screws
- Soil Building Compost
- Dr. Earth Lawn Fertilizer
- Bonide Root n Grow