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DRINKING POST OWNERS MANUAL



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Training Attachment

If you have equines or bovines, clip your Training Attachment to the flat paddle before introducing your animals to the Post. You'll remove it once they're trained.



5" Stainless Steel Nipple

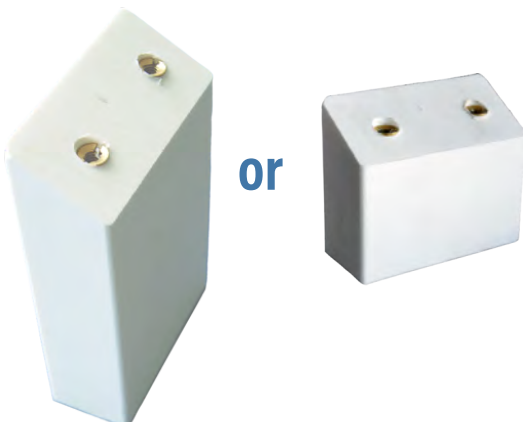
You will thread the 5" stainless steel nipple onto the elbow at the base of the Drinking Post. This is your waterline connection. It is a 3/4" NPT connection.



Installation Guide

The Installation Guide has step-by-step instructions for installation. Be sure you and your installer read this guide carefully and call us with questions.

Specialty Paddle (if ordered)



If your Drinking Post is for goats, sheep, pigs, alpacas, or llamas, you'll use a Specialty Paddle. Connect it to your flat paddle using the included screws. During shipping, your Specialty Paddle is placed at the base of the Drinking Post. Make sure you locate it and set it aside before installation.

TOP 3 REASONS

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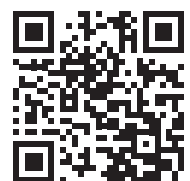
1. Clogged Intake Filter

The intake filter can get clogged easily during installation. There is a lot of dirt and debris around that can make it's way into the valve. Also, there could be sediment and debris in the waterline that will clog the filter when you fill the bowl for the first time. If you notice your Drinking Post is filling slowly, there's a delay in filling, or it's not filling at all, then your intake filter is probably clogged. To fix this, remove your interior (see pg. 8) and clean your intake filter (see pg. 12).



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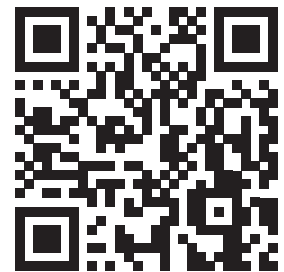
2. Improperly Adjusted Paddle

If your paddle isn't properly adjusted you will have filling issues (the Drinking Post will either fill on its own, or it won't fill at all when the paddle is pushed). You need to make sure there's a good connection between the paddle and the activation rod so it fills when you push the paddle. You also need to make sure that the paddle is not putting pressure on the rod when it's not in use, otherwise the Drinking Post will fill on its own. After installation, adjust your paddle using the adjustment screw (see pg. 10)



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3. Draining Issues

It's critical that your Drinking Post can drain reliably! If your leach field is too small, you'll have drainage issues. Please supervise your installer to make sure the leach field is built to the correct dimensions. Also, make sure you have a good understanding of the ground content on your property. If you have clay, hard pan, or rock on your property, drainage will be more difficult. You need to account for this by over-building your leach field. Finally, it's critical that you install a fabric (Geo-Textile fabric, landscaping fabric, or roofing paper) over the leach field in accordance with our installation instructions. This is necessary to protect the leach field from getting clogged with dirt.

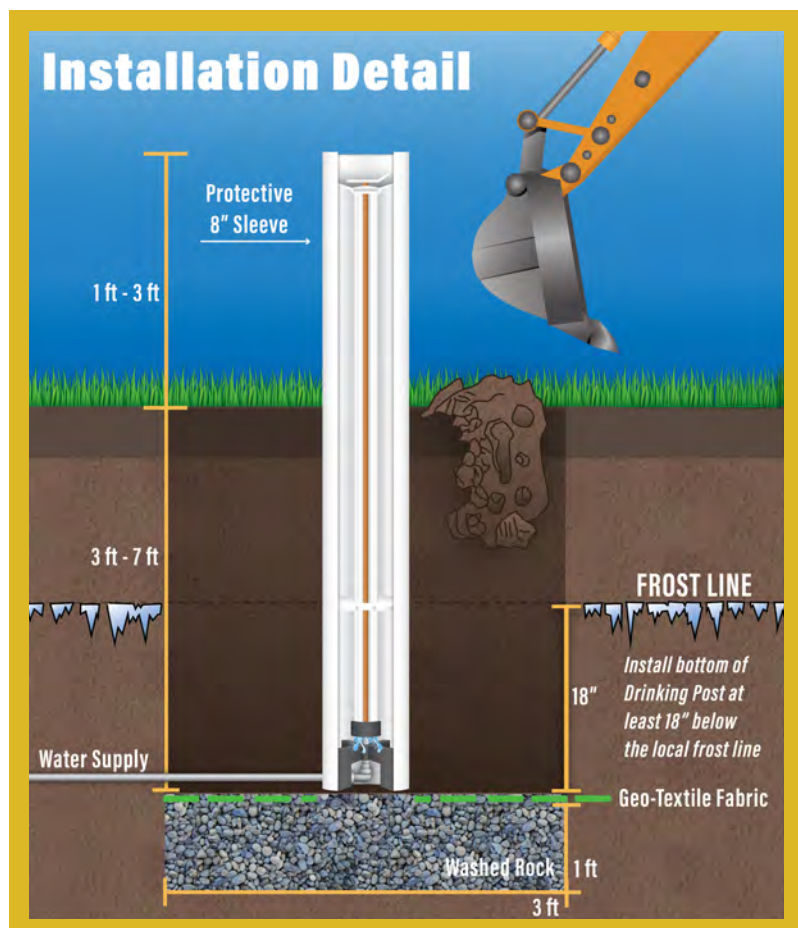
INSTALLATION

Installation is the most important part of your Drinking Post purchase. It's your responsibility to make sure both you and your installer understand the installation process and execute it properly.

The three most important parts of installation are:

1. Make sure the base of your Post is buried deep enough. **The base must sit at least 18" below your frostline.** Make sure you purchased a long enough Drinking Post to achieve this.
2. Make sure your leach field is big enough, **at least 3' x 3' x 1' deep.** If you have clay, hard pan, or rock in your ground (anything that will cause bad drainage), please overbuild your leach field!
3. Install a fabric over the leach field to protect it from getting packed with dirt.

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TRAINING

Once your Drinking Post is installed, you can start training. If you have equines or bovines, you'll use the Training Attachment. This can be removed after training.



If you need a Specialty Paddle, attach it to the paddle using the included screws (you will not use the Training Attachment). If you have goats, sheep, or alpacas/llamas, use the Livestock Attachment. If you have pigs, use the Pig Attachment.



STEP 1: Remove or cover all other water sources.

STEP 2: Make sure your animals are thirsty before you introduce them to the Drinking Post. If they aren't thirsty, they won't be interested!

STEP 3a: You will do 1 training session per day. Bring your thirsty animals up to the Drinking Post and push the paddle, filling the bowl completely. Step back and allow them to drink the water. After this training session, leave the thirsty animals out with the Post for a couple hours so they have time to re-approach and investigate it on their own. Repeat this one time each day.

- **Tip:** You don't need to teach each animal individually. It's common for one animal to learn quickly, and the rest will follow suit. If you have a large group, fill the bowl and splash the water around to attract them to the Post for your training session. If you have a small group, you can choose to do individual training sessions.

- **Remember:** You only want to push the paddle once a day for each animal. If you fill the bowl for them repeatedly, they will be reluctant to problem solve on their own.

STEP 3b: In addition to your daily training session, you can do some molasses training. This is optional and not required as daily training. To do this, just put a swipe of molasses on the bowl underneath the paddle. As they work to get to lick the molasses, they will activate the paddle. You could also try putting some mo-



- **Tip:** Before you put the molasses in the bowl, put a little on your finger or palm and let them lick it off. They'll be much more interested if they know you have a treat!
- **Remember:** During this session, you won't activate the paddle for them. You're using the molasses to encourage them to interact with the paddle on their own.

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STEP 4: During the early stages of training, you may need to supplement your animals' water. If they need additional water, give them buckets after your daily training session. Give them buckets in an area away from the Drinking Post.

- **Tip:** Wait at least a couple hours after training to give them extra water. You want them to have plenty of time investigate the Drinking Post on their own if anything "clicked" during training. They'll be more motivated problem solve while they're thirsty!

INTERIOR REMOVAL

The Drinking Post has a 2-part construction - an interior and an exterior. This design allows you to maintain all the Drinking Post parts above ground (including the valve!).

- The interior holds all the working parts. It's an independent piece that can be un-threaded and pulled out of the sleeve.
- The exterior is a protective sleeve that surrounds the interior.

Here's how to remove your interior:



Shut your water off and spin the bowl to the counterclockwise to un-thread the interior from the waterline.



You may be able to do it by hand using the ribs in the bowl. If it's too tight, cut a 2"x4" down to 6.5 inches long. Remove the paddle and position the block between the ribs. Use it as a handle to turn the interior out.



Once the interior is un-threaded, pull it up and out of the exterior sleeve. There's a Guide Wheel located 18" from the bottom that the interior needs to pass through. You may need to wiggle the interior a bit to help it pass through Guide Wheel.

- Now that your interior is removed, you can bring it into your barn or workshop area to complete your maintenance.
- Once you're done, you'll put the interior back into the sleeve. First, apply some Teflon paste to the valve threads. Use a small amount of paste and only apply it to the first half of the threads. You do not want any paste to get inside the intake filter.
- Now, put the interior into the exterior sleeve. Gently guide it down and let it rest at the bottom. Then, spin it counterclockwise until it drops onto the threads. Once it drops down, you know it's straight on the threads so you won't risk cross-threading it.
- Turn the bowl clockwise until it's snug. Make sure it's at least hand tight, but not over tightened. Over tightening the interior can damage the threads.
- Finally, turn the water on and test the Drinking Post.

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PADDLE ADJUSTMENT

Making sure your paddle is properly adjusted throughout the year is very important! The Drinking Post is made of a material that expands and contracts throughout the year. When this happens, it can affect the connection between the paddle and the rod.

The Ultimate Drinking Post has an adjustment screw on the paddle. This is used for paddle adjustment throughout the year. You will keep the 4 screws that connect the paddle to the bowl snug at all times. You will only adjust the set screw on the paddle.



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In the summer, the materials in the Drinking Post will expand and the Stainless Steel Activation rod will sink down. This can cause activation issues if the paddle and rod can't connect. To account for this, tighten the adjustment screw on the paddle. This will stiffen the paddle and move it down a bit so it can connect with the rod.

In the winter, the materials in the Drinking Post will contract around the Stainless Steel Activation Rod. When this happens, the paddle can put pressure on the rod which causes it to run on its own. To prevent this, loosen the adjustment screw to introduce more play in the paddle. You want to be able to easily wiggle it side-to-side.

WINTERIZATION

Winterizing your Drinking Post annually is very important. The winterization process is quick and easy, but it's critical to ensure your Post will work great all winter long. There are two parts to winterization, (1) lubricating your activation rod and (2) adjusting your paddle.

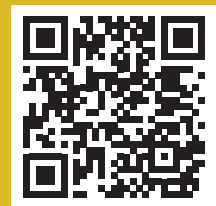
1. Lubricate your Activation Rod

- Remove your paddle
- Using a pair of pliers (or your fingers), pull the activation rod out of your Drinking Post.
- Apply a light coat of petroleum jelly down the length of the activation rod.
- Gently put the activation rod back into the Drinking Post. If needed, spin the rod between your index finger and thumb to help seat it properly. When correctly seated, your rod should stick 1/2" above the bowl filter.
- Put the paddle back on and fasten the 4 screws that hold it into the bowl. Next, you will adjust your paddle.



2. Adjust your Paddle

The Drinking Post is made from a material that expands and contracts with the weather. When it's cold outside, the Drinking Post will contract, which causes the rod to stick up more. To account for this, you'll turn the adjustment screw counterclockwise. This introduces more play in the paddle so it won't put pressure on the rod. See pg. 10.

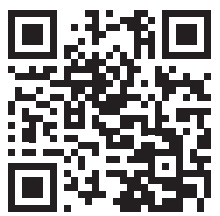


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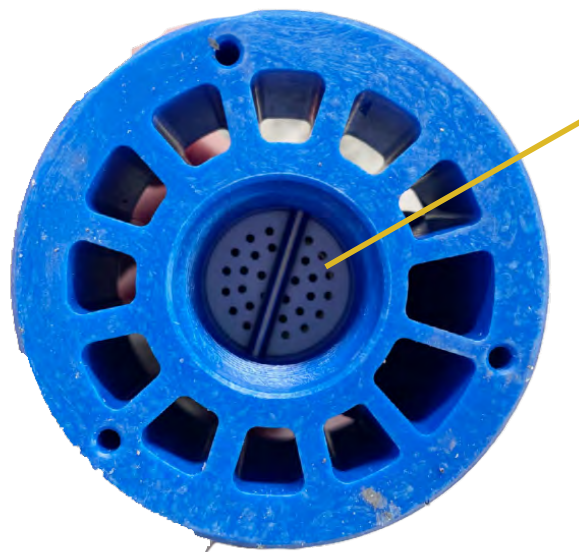
INTAKE FILTER

Over time, your intake filter may become clogged due to sediment in the well, minerals in your water, etc.. If you notice your Drinking Post is filling slower than normal, or if you notice a delay when filling, then it's time to clean your intake filter.

- Shut your water off and remove the interior (see pg. 8).
- Flip the interior over so you can see the intake filter. It's the white disc with holes that's located underneath the blue valve.
- Use a paper clip or a small drill bit to clean all the holes in the filter. You may also use compressed air to help clean it out.
- Once your filter is clean, you will apply some Teflon paste to the valve threads. Use a pea-sized amount and apply it to the first half of the threads. You don't want any of the paste to get inside the intake filter.
- Next, flush the line by turning the water on for 15-30 seconds. Turn the water back off and put the interior back into the sleeve.
- Test the Drinking Post. Push the paddle and let it fill and drain. Water should come into the bowl as soon as you push the paddle, and your bowl should fill fully in under 10 seconds.



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WARRANTY INFO



Your new Ultimate Drinking Post has a 5 year warranty on all parts. If you purchased your Drinking Post from a Dealer, make sure you save your receipt that shows your purchase date. If

you ordered directly through us, we will have your order on file. If you think you have a warranty concern, please call us. We may walk you through some troubleshooting steps to identify any parts issues. If you have damaged or broken parts, we may ask for a photo showing proof of damage. Your Drinking Post Warranty covers all the parts of your Drinking Post waterer. The warranty does not cover any issues caused by poor or incorrect installation. It's important that your installation is done according to the Installation Guide that you received. If you're unsure about any part of the installation process, please call us!

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