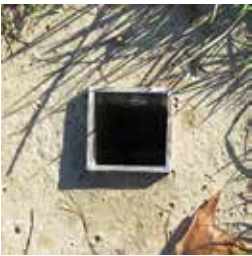


# Ground Stake VS Ground Sleeve



**Ground Stakes** are always INCLUDED with your original gourd rack/T-14 pole purchase. Ground stakes are 48” overall and 24” is cemented into the ground, leaving 24” above ground. Your pole slides over the ground stake and sits on your concrete base. If you choose to move your gourd rack/T-14 pole you will need to either dig up the original ground stake (can be difficult) or purchase a new ground stake. For fall storage you can remove your gourd rack from the ground stake, you will see it and if you do that, cover the top of the stake with a piece of duck tape to keep water out of your ground stake.



**Ground Sleeves** are OPTIONAL. Why would you want a ground sleeve? They give you the ability to take down not only your gourd rack but also the ground stake (more on that in a minute), so that during the off season you don't “see” any part of the gourd rack. This might be handy for people who have HOA's or perhaps you know you will be moving in the near future and want to take your gourd rack with you. In the later this will give you a ground stake that you can use to cement into the ground or again purchase a new sleeve. If you are moving you can cover the in ground sleeve and no one would be the wiser.

The Ground Sleeve is cemented into the ground, flush. Your ground stake is inserted inside the ground sleeve and sits on a pin that will place your ground STAKE at the proper 24” above ground (just like the installation of the ground stake that is permanently cemented into the ground). Ground sleeves include 2 pole caps, one that is placed on the bottom of your sleeve and cemented in with the sleeve. The other cap will be used during the off season as it will keep water/snow out of the sleeve. You don't want water to get in there as it could freeze causing damage to the sleeve.

**Please note that the Ground Sleeves sold on this web store are ONLY compatible with our Ground Stake. For instance, if you are thinking that a 2” pole will fit inside this sleeve the answer in NO it will not. The only item compatible with the Ground Sleeve is our Ground Stake. Please do not purchase this for any other purposes other than its intended use. Thank you.**