

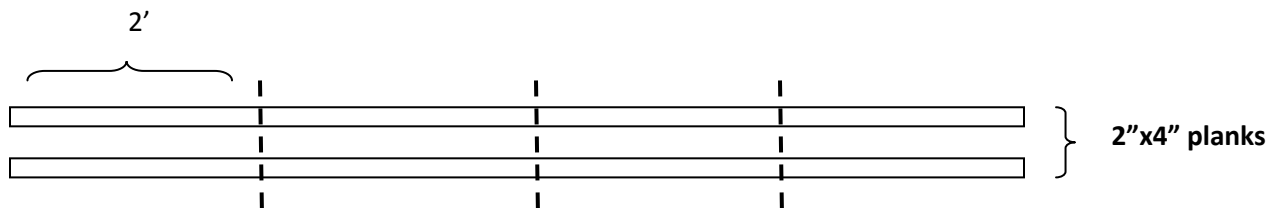
Build a Low Cost Tree Guard

Materials:

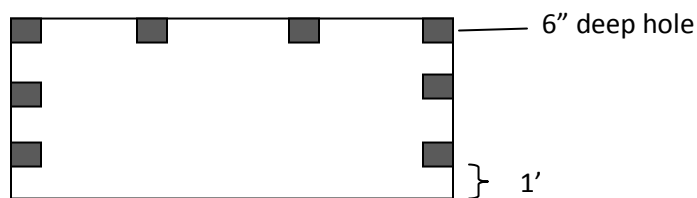
- 2"x4"x8' planks (2) (cost = \$2-3)
- 50-80' of flat nylon rope (this depends on the size of your tree bed and is roughly 1.5' for every linear foot of your tree bed) (cost = \$10-\$20)
- Staple gun and staples (cost = \$10)
- Trowel (\$5)

Instructions:

1. Cut each 2"x4" plank into (4) 12" stakes. Many lumber suppliers will cut the wood for you at the store making it easier to carry.

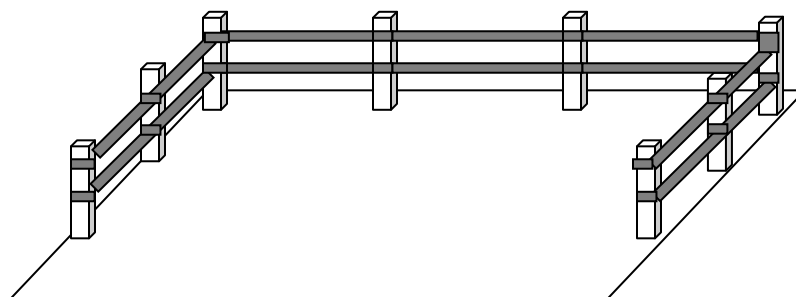


2. Use the trowel to dig (8) 6" deep equidistant holes around your tree bed. The holes should be flush against the edge of the tree bed. Make sure that the 2 holes closest to the street are 12" from the curb (you can use one of the 12" planks to measure this distance).



Tree Bed View from Above

3. Secure each stake into a hole, being careful not to compact the soil in the tree root zone.
4. Wrap the nylon rope tightly around each stake approximately 6" from the soil surface then staple it in place. Repeat this on the second row approximately 6" above the first row.



Tree Guard View from the Street