

NWF certified wildlife habitat®

Sign Installation and Maintenance Guide

Where to Place Your Sign

When installing a sign in your garden, it's important to select a location where it will be clearly visible to your surrounding community and sturdily affixed to endure weather and time.

Many certifiers choose the following locations for their sign:



Fence or Gate



Stake or Signpost



Building Wall



Little Library

It is also important to pay attention to the direction and intensity of the sun. While our signs are intended to be placed outside and to withstand weather and sunlight, over time even weather resistant materials will experience some amount of fading. To preserve the longevity of your sign, we suggest selecting a location that is out of direct sunlight for much of the day.

When choosing a location for your sign, consider these **Dos and Don'ts**.

Do:

- Choose a spot that is visible to people passing by
- Install your sign near visually appealing habitat elements like flowers
- When possible, choose a location that receives filtered light rather than harsh, direct sunlight

Don't:

- Place signs amongst foliage that will obscure the sign
- Install signs in the middle of a lawn or pathway
- Install signs crookedly

How to Install Your Sign

Classic Sign

Measurements

Width: 9"

Height: 12"

Mounting Holes:

There are 4 total mounting holes which are indicated in pink on the sign diagram to the right. Each mounting hole is 3/16" in diameter. Measuring from the center of each hole, the top mounting holes are 1" below the top edge of the sign and spaced 1" apart from each other. The bottom mounting holes are 1" from the bottom of the sign and are also 1" apart from each other.



*Mounting hardware is **not** included with purchase.*

Mounting Guidance

This sign is incredibly versatile in how it can be mounted. Some certifiers choose to purchase a stake or signpost from their local hardware store, which allows them to screw the sign into this post and then place the sign anywhere in the ground. Other certifiers choose to mount the sign to an existing structure like a fence. The method you choose will depend on your aesthetic preferences and your garden's existing features.

The following methods can be used to affix the sign to your desired mounting location:

- **Screws** (Recommended size #8 screw)
- **Zip Ties**
- **Sign Brackets**

If you are unsure of how to affix your sign to your desired mounting location, we recommend asking for the advice of your local hardware store employees.

Garden Flag

Measurements

Width: 12"

Height: 18"

*Flag stake is **not** included with purchase*

Mounting Guidance

This flag can be used with most standard yard flag stakes that hold a 12" width flag. The top of the flag features a 1.5" tall pocket that runs the width of the flag that allows you to easily slip it over the flag holder.

The flag is double-sided so multiple positions of the flag will still allow neighbors to see what it says as they pass by.



Garden Plaque

Measurements

Plaque Width: 15"

Plaque Height: 9.5"

Leg Height (once attached to the sign): 18"

Leg Width: 1"

The sign legs and the hardware needed to attach them to the sign are included with purchase.

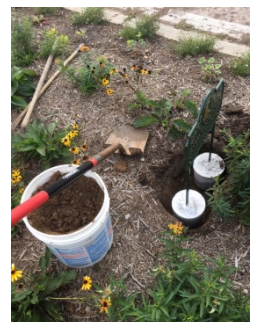
Mounting Guidance

This garden plaque comes with two legs that can be attached to the sign using the included hardware and assembly instructions.

Once the legs are attached, this sign can be placed in the ground. To do this, dig holes 6" to 8" deep and place lawn plaque stakes into the holes. Check the plaque making sure it is level and ensure that the legs are straight. Then, back fill holes and pack soil firmly down against the stakes.

Making the Sign Even Sturdier

Some gardeners like to ensure their sign is extra secure in the ground. This can be useful if you experience high winds or other intense weather in your area, or if the soil itself is simply not very firmly packed where you are mounting the sign. In this case, concrete and recycled plastic containers can be used to create extra weight on the sign's legs before putting them into the ground.



Wall Plaque

Measurements

Plaque Width: 15"

Plaque Height: 9.5"

1" long size #8 screws for attaching the sign are included with purchase.



Mounting Guidance

This plaque can be mounted on a wall or other solid vertical structure.

To mount the sign, place it against the wall in the desired location. Check to ensure the sign is level and then mark the wall through the mounting holes.

If you are mounting it onto wood or wood covered with siding, use a drill and 1/8" drill bit to create pilot holes. If the mounting surface is brick, block, or cultured/faux stone walls, you will need to purchase the appropriate anchors for your mounting surface. For most brick or block surfaces, a standard plastic wall anchor for a #8 screw can be used. An appropriately sized masonry bit will be needed to drill the holes for the anchor.

Using the wall screws included with the sign and a screwdriver, secure the sign to the wall.

Maintaining Your Sign

The Certified Wildlife Habitat signs are built to withstand the environment for many years to come. However, certain chemicals, solvents, and salts, like deposits from road salts, can harm the finish and cause wear and tear over years.

To preserve the longevity of your sign, we recommend you wipe it off regularly using a soft cloth and warm water.