

# Tips on Tarping

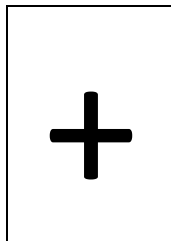
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1. Try and always start downstream and work way up stream, so your seams overlap with flow of creek and overlap tarp at least one foot at seams.
2. It's always easier to stretch the tarp when the tarp is warm.
3. Stake blue side first, 2'-3' apart. Then go to to red side, find the middle and pull tight. Work from middle to left and then middle to right. When pulling red side tight, I found it easier pulling directly across from stake on blue side.
4. On real rocky ground use 8" nails with washers, but always try an duse stakes first because they cover more area and are cheaper.
5. 1 box of staples for every 6'follof tarp and 2 boxes for every 15' roll of tarp and that should be enough to stake down the flaps around the plants as well.
6. I found after cutting a hole for the plants in the main tarp, you will get weeds coming up in the hole. So take a 2'x2' square piece of tarp and put under the main tarp following the directions below.

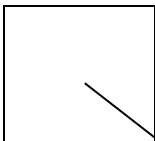
## EXAMPLE

1. Cut a large cross in center of main tarp for plants.



2. Fold back the flaps; dig a hole the appropriate size for the plant. Plant the plant and fill the hole with soil.

Cut a 2 ft x 2 ft square patch and make a diagonal slit from one corner to the center.



3. Slide the square piece with the diagonal slit so that the center of the slit sits next to the stem of the plant.

4. Fold the corners of the original tarp over the inserted square next to the stem of the plant on all four sides and staple each side of the square to secure closure.
7. Always try and put the plants in the middle of the hole.

For planting,

1. soak the entire area to a depth of at least two feet.
- 2.After digging the hole, fill the hole with water.
- 3.Water the plant in the pot.
- 4.When the water disappears from the hole, place the plant so that the roots are vertical and straight.
5. Gradually fill in the hole with soil and tamp down gently to make certain no air is trapped next to the roots.
6. Water each plant deeply with 2 gallons of water.
8. When you start to tarp you can run the tarp vertical or horizontal with the creek. Each way works.  
However, I found that it is easier to run the tarp sections vertically to achieve a tight installation.
9. The current of the creek has a lot to do with it. It's easier to deal with a 6' or 15' piece at a time at the water's edge.

See illustrations-