



# **Shallow Cave**

installation instructions

NOTES: Please check for any damage caused by the shipping company and take appropriate steps to file a claim, if needed.

\*Please call **Digsafe** and check for any underground utilities before digging anywhere.

## **Materials needed**

Shovel, level, tape measure.

## **Instructions**

1. Carefully remove element from the pallets/packaging. You should find one (1) Shallow Cave fully assembled, four (4) 2x4 P.T. legs, and one (1) package of hardware.

*\*Note:* Keep in mind that, even though the top is curved, it may be considered a climbing element and may therefore need a fall zone extending 6 feet out in front of it which is usually 9” deep. You can create a container for this material by using either 2 layers of 6x6 retainers made for this purpose (which we can provide), or by digging a large hole 9” deep. If you choose to dig the 9” deep hole, keep in mind that it needs to be drained so it doesn’t fill up with rainwater or snow melt.

2. Move Shallow Cave near desired installation location.

3. Dig a trench 16” deep, 34” wide and 86” long, and fill bottom 3” of hole with drainage stone.

4. Set Shallow Cave in trench so the bottom is below ground level.

5. Level Shallow Cave in both directions by resting the level on the base plates and making adjustments

6. If Cave is not being set into a hill, just level the top soil around all sides of the cave structure.

7. If the Cave is being set into a hill, there will be forward pressure from the soil behind the cave, so you’ll need to fasten the cave to the ground using rebar driven through the base plates.

8. Fill in the hill in the back of the cave to desired height.

9. Fill trench with “fall Zone” material (wood chips, mulch, etc.)

10. Because this item is made to order, the wood may shrink over time. This will allow light to pass through the space between the slats and allow a little bit of light to penetrate the inner sanctum of the cave.

11. All wood is treated with kid-friendly preservative, but as is the case with all wood facing the elements, it needs to be cared for, so check it periodically for rough spots, splinters, etc, and sand them out, and treat it with kid-friendly wood preservative (we have it available if you can’t find it) once or twice a year to keep the wood from deteriorating.

12. Enjoy your Shallow Cave!

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