



# Climatic Mesh Shrub Guard Introduction





The triple benefit of protection from animals + micro-climate + ease of transportation makes our Climatic Mesh Shrub Guards perfect for nurturing young plants.

The wider diameter offers more space for the plants to develop – preferred for plants such as Hazel, Laurel, Dogwood and Holly.

Available in black or green and delivered as flat 'tubes' of mesh, the Climatic can easily be moved around a planting scheme.

It's cleverly designed mesh structure has a thick diamond mesh skeleton that is infilled with a finer mesh. The diamond mesh delivers rigidity and resistance to tearing from browsing animals. The finer infill mesh creates a beneficial micro-climate for the plant.

### **Benefits:**

- Plant protection from browsing animals
- Micro-climate for the plant
- Ease of transportation
- Quick installation

### Installation:

- Install after planting.
- Fold open the flat tube, then fold over the top of the guard. This helps to create a 'square tube' and to stop any abrasion, once your plant emerges from the top of the guard.
- Slide over the plant and insert either one stake or one/two canes to fix in place see installation diagrams (pg 3).

### **Specifications:**

Colour	Green <u>or</u> Black		
Height	0.6m	0.75m	
Diameter (when opened into tube)	200mm dia	200mm dia	
Width (when closed flat)	315mm	315mm	
Weight (per guard)	114g	142g	
Form (Flat pack/Tube)	Flat pack		
Pre-formed folds	2		
Material	HDPE		
UV stabilised *	Yes - 100kly		
G/m²	302g/m <sup>2</sup>		
Structure (Mesh/solid)	Mesh		
Mesh shape	Diamond		
Mesh filled	Yes - with fine mesh		
Mesh dimensions	3.5cm x 3.5cm diamond grid, filled with finer mesh		
Biodegradable	No		
Lifespan (guide only)	5 years		
Recyclable (look for this symbol when recycling)	Widely recycled		

#### Headline benefits:

Creates microclimate	✓
Allows airflow	✓
Windbreak effect	√
Light transmission	✓
Protects from herbicide spray	×

Fixing options (choose <u>one</u> recommended type to suit budget and location):

Stake	×
Stake with tie wrap	x
Stake with stake staples	√
Cane(s)	<b>√</b> (2)
Cane with tie wrap	×
Cane with cane staples	✓

 \* 'UV stabilised' means stabilising additives are used in the material to protect the guards from decay due to sun exposure
enhancing their lifespan.

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## Climatic Mesh Shrub Guard Components

## Identifying which height of protection and stake/cane to use:

## **Damaging Agent:**

Rabbit	Hare
60cm	75cm
75cm	90cm
90cm	90cm
	60cm 75cm

\* For sandier soil we recommend a longer stake

Available sizes for Climatic Shrub Guards



- 1. Identify which damaging agent (animal) you wish to protect your plants from.
- 2. Use the guide (left) to identify the appropriate height of your Climatic Mesh Shrub Guard and which stake/cane height is most appropriate.
- 3. If you have sandy soil or a particularly windy site then we recommend using longer stakes or canes to ensure effective support for your guard and plant.





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## **Climatic Mesh Shrub Guard Installation**



- 1. Plant your shrub/tree plant prior to installing your protection (fig 1).
- 2. Prepare your flat guard (Fig 2a) ready to place over your plant by opening up the flat tube (Fig 2b) and folding over the top edge (by about 1 inch/2cm) to create a 'square tube (Fig 2c)'.
- 3. Gently slide the guard over your plant (Fig 3), taking care not to break any delicate branches.
- 4. Insert your fixing of choice. The stake/cane(s) should be inserted on the side of the prevailing wind, so the tree plant is blown away from the fixing.
  - If using a **stake** insert into one corner of the guard and fix the guard to the stake with at least 3 staples (see stapling guide above (Fig 4a). We recommend using staples and a staple gun designed for use with stakes.
  - Alternatively, if you choose to use canes alone, we recommend inserting two canes into opposite corners of the guard (Fig 4b).
  - If you have a sheltered site you may wish to only use **one cane** (Fig 4c), however we recommend fixing the guard to the cane with at least 3 staples. We recommend using staples and a staple gun suitable for use with canes.



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