

DIY INSTALLATION

If you have access, or know anyone with access, to a backhoe, track-hoe, or even a mini-excavator then you are half way to a DIY installation.

All of our shelters can be installed in a 12' by 12' hole. The depth will vary upon a number of factors:

Shelter size, water table, standing water during heavy rain, any additions added like concrete slab, new structure, or anything else added above the installed shelter.

These are just a few things to keep in mind when deciding on depth.

It is recommended that 4-6 tons of sand be packed underneath the seat shelf and steps to reduce any unnecessary settling.

If a concrete slab will be poured after installation, then the hole must be filled with pea gravel, crushed rock, or 89 gravel. This is also to reduce settling.

Concrete should not be poured directly on any fiberglass or as time goes by, the shelter could shift slightly, causing concrete slab to crack.

Gravel or crushed rock should cover the seating area of the shelter before pouring concrete. This will allow for some movement, which in turn will keep your concrete slab from cracking.