



## Electric Fencing Installation

Congratulations on the purchase of electric fencing from Betterbee. This is a crucial piece of equipment in keeping your hives safe from bears and other predators.

Please contact Betterbee at 800-632-3379 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

### You will need:

- Electric fencing
- Ground rod (2 or 3 if soil is dry)
- Ground rod connector
- Fence Energizer
- Mallet (optional)
- Screwdriver

### Installation

1. While holding all the posts together, untie the green string and drop the netting away from the posts. Leave strings on post for future moving or storage. Lay the fence out in the area you will be fencing. After the fence has been laid out, remove any material that will drain the energy from the fence, such as tall grass or foliage. Make sure to leave enough room for you to work between the fence and your hives.
2. Install the posts using the step-in piece at the bottom of the post or by gently using a mallet. Make sure you have tension on each section of the netting as you install. Tip the posts slightly outward to help maintain tension. You can overlap the fencing if it is a little longer than needed.
3. Install your ground rod near your energizer. If you have dry soil, you may need additional ground rods to carry the charge of the fence. Connect the ground rod to the ground terminal on the energizer using screwdriver.
4. To electrify, connect jumper from power terminal of energizer to the clip on the green or orange bundle. We use 12 volt energizers and batteries to charge fences far away from a power source. When using a 12 volt battery, house it in a nuc box to protect it from the ground and the elements.

### Tips and Hints

**Gates:** When using net fencing gates are not necessary. The net is flexible enough to step over. If you need to move equipment, back your vehicle up to the fence and work over it. **DO NOT FORGET TO TURN OFF THE FENCE!**

**Bears:** Bears are easily discouraged by electric fence if they have not already been rewarded by previous trip to your bee yard. If you have already had an issue with bears, try baiting the fence with meat to quickly train the bear to the fence.

**Mowing:** Keep grass short near the fence to prevent it from draining the charge. We recommend moving the fence while mowing and replacing it when you are finished. Net fencing is easily caught and damaged in mowers and weed whackers.