

Laying instructions

In most cases, including horse or tractor use, Mud Control Grids can be laid directly onto mud without any ground preparation. When Mud Grids are used with animals be sure to cover with grit. For very soft ground, longer lasting installations or even just a more attractive finish, follow the steps below.

Step 1

Before installing the grids, a 2" gravel layer will improve support and drainage for very soft ground. A 2-4" layer of wood chips can also be used to create a flexible base.

Step 2

Mark out and level the installation area, filling any dips or depressions with granular material. For soil types like heavy clay, installing a non-woven needle-punched 3.5 oz geotextile (with 6" overlap) will prevent the gradual loss of infill material into the ground.

Step 3

Use a string line as a level and alignment guide (allowing for adjacent edging or fencing). Lay the grids along the line, leaving a ¼" gap between grids. Use the tabs on the Mud Control Grid edges for level alignment.

Step 4

It's best to stagger the grids for extra stability. To create a staggered bond, begin the second row with a half grid (grids can be cut with a skill or bench saw, just like hardwood). Lay the second row, leaving a ¼" gap between the first row and between each new grid. Use the other half grid at the end of the row.

Small adjustments to maintain alignment can be done with a lever.

Step 5

When the Mud Control Grids have been installed, the grid holes can be filled with permeable material. Coarse sand is ideal, crushed stone or grit can also be used. A ton of sand or gravel will fill around 140 grids (375 ft²).

Step 6

ALWAYS use a topping layer (sand or similar), especially when Mud Control Grids are to be used by animals or livestock. We recommend a final layer of grit to cover. Top off the sand each year to keep surfaces looking good and in top condition.

Expansion

Mud Control Grids expand by ¼" per unit per 50°F/10°C change. The recommended ¼" gap between grids covers a temperature change of over 140°F/60°C. For very large areas, a 2" gap can be introduced every 100 grids if desired.

