



# Heavy Duty Vinyl Fence Donut Installation Guide

For 2½" or 2" Pipe | For Post Size 5" x 5"



# What is a Vinyl Fence Donut?



Heavy Duty Vinyl Fence  
Donut With Adapter



Standard Vinyl  
Fence Donut

A vinyl fence donut, or fence collar, is designed to improve the structural integrity and overall appearance of a vinyl fence while allowing for a fast, easy, and level installation. These fence collars act as an adapter, allowing a vinyl fence sleeve to be installed over a steel post or pipe, and even help to prevent damage to the vinyl posts.

- Fits Post Size: 5" x 5"
- Fits Pipe Size: 2 1/2" (2 3/8" OD)
- Fits Pipe Size: 2" (1 7/8" OD) \*\*with adapter

## Tools Required For Installation

Drill & Bit | Tape Measure | Stringline | Rubber Mallet | 4ft Level | Post Pounder

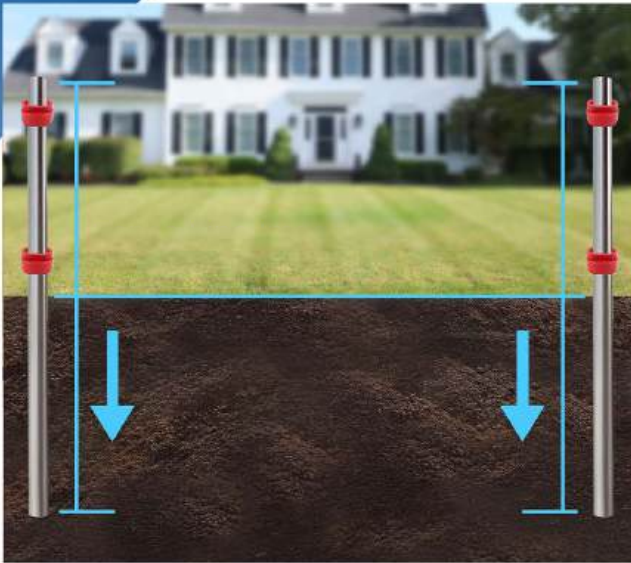
**⚠ Confirm The Location Of Underground Utilities Before Driving Posts Into The Ground ⚠**

### STEP 1

## PLACE VINYL DONUT ON PIPE

Slip 2 of the vinyl fence donuts on all pipes, leaving them both on one half of the pipe. Use a rubber mallet to assist if necessary. Leave them on loose.





## STEP 2

### SET ALL END PIPE & CORNER PIPE

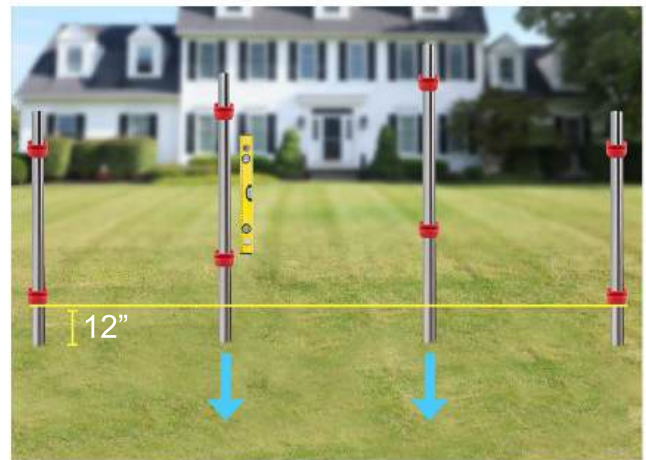
Establish your fence layout or fence line by setting the end and corner support pipes using a post driver of your choosing. For 5' and 6' tall privacy styles, an 8ft pipe is recommended so half of the pipe's length is set below ground.

**\*\*Please refer to your fence material supplier for gate posts.**

## STEP 3

### SET ALL IN-LINE PIPE POSTS

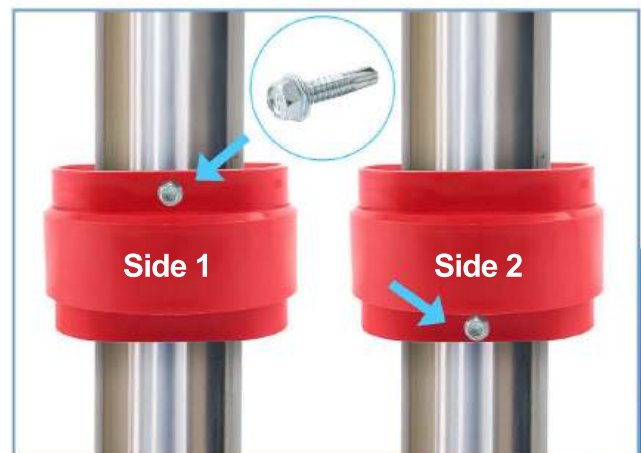
Attach the stringline to the corner or end pipes 12" off of the ground. Based on material post center specification, determine the in-line post spacing. When driving posts, be sure to level the pipe vertically.



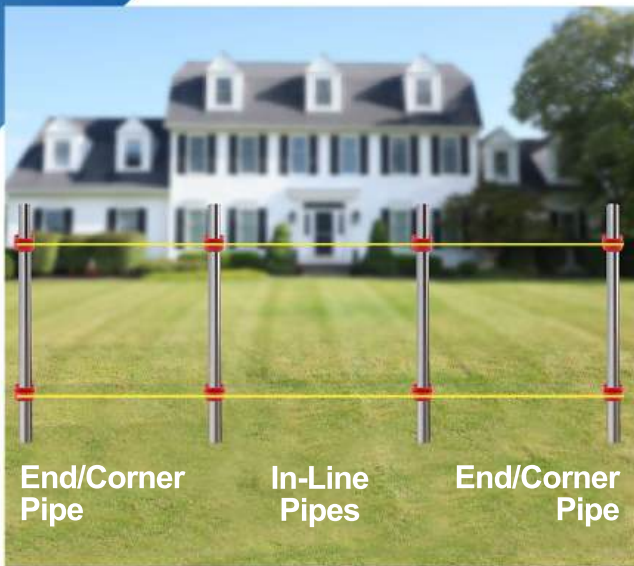
## STEP 4

### ATTACH DONUTS TO END / CORNER PIPE

Remove the stringline from the end/corner pipe, then shift the lower donut to be 12" off the ground and the top to be 46" off the ground. Level the donuts and fasten 1 self tapping screw at the upper location, and 1 on the opposite side at the lower location.







## **STEP 5**

### **LEVEL AND ATTACH IN-LINE PIPE VINYL DONUTS**

Attach the stringline to a temporary screw placed slightly into the side wall of the bottom donut on the end/corner pipe. Run the string across to the opposite end and repeat with the top donuts.

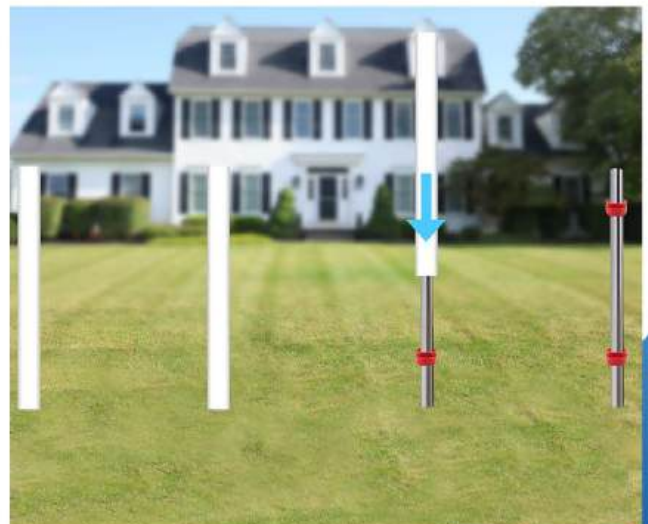


Adjust the donuts on the in-line pipe horizontally so they are just touching the string line. Ensure the vinyl donuts are at the correct height as well, (bottom donut 12" off the ground, top donut 46" off the ground).

## **STEP 6**

### **ADD VINYL SLEEVES TO PIPE**

Remove the temporarily screws from the side wall of the fence donuts. Place vinyl post sleeves over the pipe and vinyl donuts as determined by the fence layout plan. Leave the posts loose, they will be attached in a later step.





## **STEP 7**

### **MEASURE AND CUT THE BOTTOM RAILS**

Measure the distance between the pipes from inside of the vinyl post sleeve. Cut your bottom rail to be slightly less than the total measurement, (about  $-1/4"$ ).

## **STEP 8**

### **INSERT THE BOTTOM RAILS**

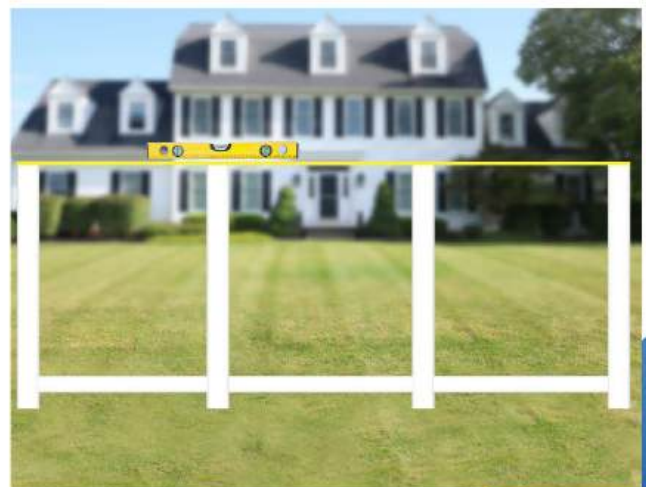
Insert the bottom rails into the designated cut out slots on the vinyl post sleeves. Do this for all of the bottom rails along the fence line.

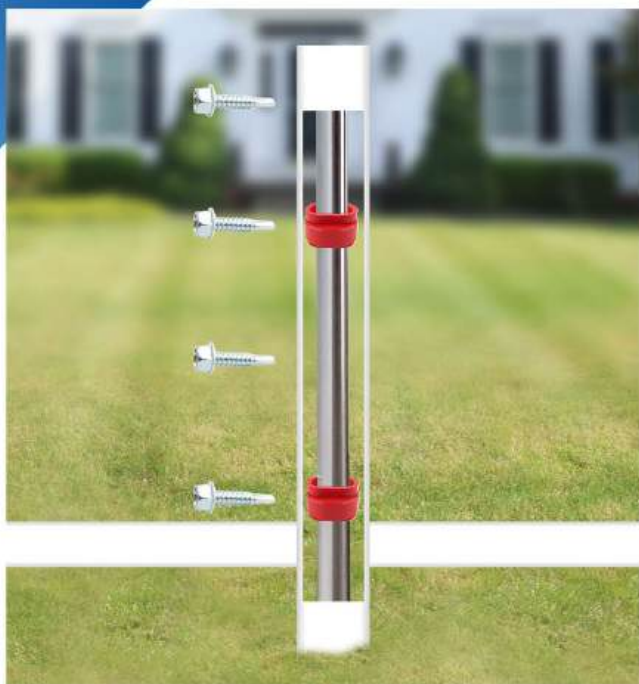


## **STEP 9**

### **SET VINYL POST SLEEVE HEIGHT**

Start with the corner or end posts. Set the posts to the desired height by running a string line across the top of all the vinyl post sleeves. Adjust posts up or down so they are positioned at the line and ensure they are leveled.





## **STEP 10**

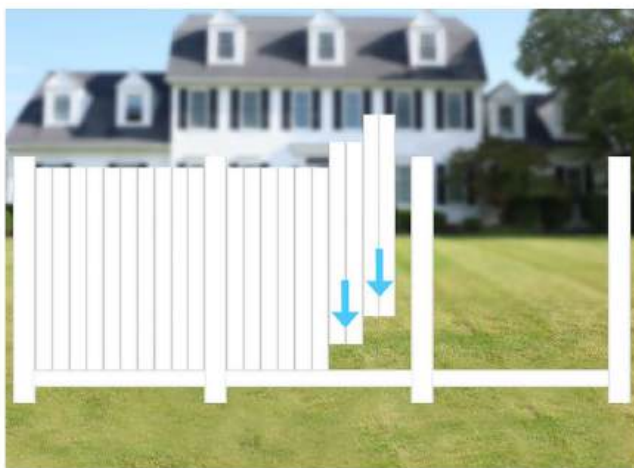
### **FASTEN POST SLEEVES TO PIPE**

If your privacy fence utilizes a U-Channel, use 4 or 5 long screws to attach it to the post. 2 of these screws should attach to the post donuts, securing it to the pipe. If no U-Channel is used, drive the screws to attach the sleeve directly to the post, still making sure 2 are tapping into the donuts. Check your fence material manufacturer's instructions to be sure alternative hardware is not recommended.

## **STEP 11**

### **INSTALL FENCE PICKETS / PANELS**

Using the method recommended by the material's manufacturer, install the pickets or privacy panels into the bottom rail. More commonly, picket fence require the top rail to be installed before inserting the pickets.



## **STEP 12**

### **INSTALL TOP RAILS**

If installing a privacy fence, after the panels are installed, insert the top rail into the cut out slot on one post sleeve, and slide across the panels to insert it into the opposite post's cut out.







## **STEP 13**

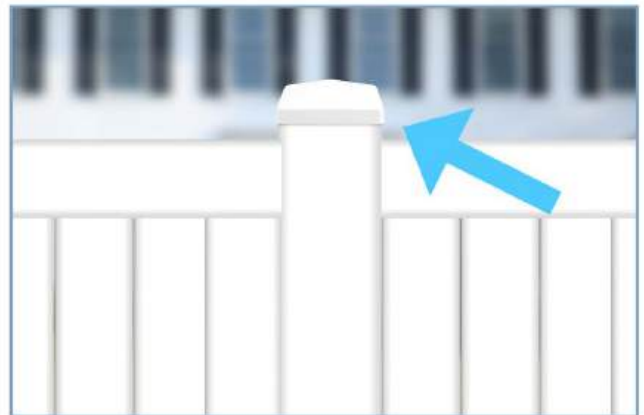
### **INSERT AND FASTEN TOP RAIL TIE TO TOP RAILS**

Place a Top Rail Tie in the top of the post so it settles on top of the rails. Fasten it to the fence rails.

## **STEP 14**

### **INSTALL ALL THE POST CAPS**

Finish off your fence by adding all of the post caps to each vinyl post sleeve. Use a vinyl glue to ensure the post cap is stable.



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