

# Metal Trellises and Shepherds Hooks

## Guide for Installation & Usage

Although their function is to support climbing plants or vines, **metal shepherds hooks** are multipurpose. They add ornament and character to a garden or other outdoor spaces and can become a decorative garden feature. They are easy to install, with little experience necessary.

### Shepherds Hooks:

#### 🌿 Determine a Good Location

Be sure that your chosen location provides the adequate amount of sunlight according to the instructions that are included with your plant.

#### 🌿 Preparation

Clear any debris that may prohibit the shepherds hook stakes from being fully pressed into the ground, such as mulch, pine straw or stone.

#### 🌿 Push Stakes into Ground

If the ground is soft enough, you can push the shepherds hook stakes into the ground with your foot, while stabilizing with one or both hands. If the ground is hard, try running water over the area to soften the soil. If additional force is needed, gently tap with a rubber mallet but, protect the shepherds hook by placing a piece of scrap wood between the mallet and the stake rail. Use your foot to pack the soil tight around the stakes after installed.

#### 🌿 Level

Use a level to check that both posts are vertical and the trellis is level horizontally. For vertical level, wiggle the post until you reach level, and then compress the soil to hold. For horizontal level, drive the higher post in increments until level is reached.

