



## Post Selection Guide

When installing agricultural and residential fencing, one can select from a variety of posts to complete the job. Selecting the right post for the application can help to ensure a long lasting permanent fence, as well as easily removable temporary fencing. This document will guide you through the post selection process based on the type of fence and application. This guide will address T-Posts, U-Posts, and Step-In Posts.

**T-Posts** provide excellent performance and service for residential, farm, industrial, and commercial applications. T-Posts are heavy duty posts that are installed using a Post Driver. Fencing attaches to T-Posts using T-Post Clips. Once in place, T-Post are very difficult to remove by hand. A T-Post puller is recommended for removal of T-Posts.

**U-Posts** have a U-channel construction which provides maximum strength along with a riveted anchor plate. Designed for the residential user, these are lighter weight than T-Posts and can be installed using a rubber mallet. Fencing attaches to U-Posts via the integral U-Post Tabs. U-Posts are also difficult to remove by hand, so be sure to wear heavy duty gloves and safety glasses before attempting to remove a U-Post.

**Step-In Posts** are an excellent choice for temporary plastic garden fencing for the residential user. These are also used for installation of electrical fences as they are insulated and can readily be moved around the farm. Step-In Posts are easy to remove by hand. Be sure to wear protective gloves before removing.



Post Type	Available Sizes	Typical Applications
T-Post	5' through 10'2"	Permanent, Agricultural, Residential
U-Post	3' through 7'	Semi-Permanent, Temporary, Residential
Step-In Post	4'	Temporary, Agricultural, Residential

### General Posts Guidelines

Agricultural applications, posts are typically installed outside of the enclosed area with the fence on the inside.

Residential applications, posts are typically installed inside the enclosed area with the fence on the outside.

T-Posts and U-Posts are typically installed 12"-18" into the ground so the anchor plate is below the ground to provide support. It is not necessary to install these posts deeper than the anchor plates. The Step-In posts will install 10" into the ground.

U-Posts selected should be 12" taller than the fence being installed. For example, if installing 36" tall poultry netting, use 48" tall U-Posts to accommodate for the 12" installation into the ground for the U-Post. T-Posts should be 24" taller than the fence being installed. Use the following table as a guide for selecting the right size posts for your application.

Post	Sizes	Available Aboveground Height	Rolled Fence Size to Use
U-Post	3 ft.	2 ft.	Up to 24 in.
	4 ft.	3 ft.	24 or 36 in.
	5 ft.	4 ft.	48 in.
	6 ft.	5 ft.	60 in.
T-Post	5 ft.	3 ½ ft.	36 in.
	6 ft.	4 ½ ft.	48 in.
	7 ft.	5 ½ ft.	60 in.
	8 ft.	6 ½ ft.	72 in.
	10 ft. 2 in.	8 ½ ft.	84 in.
Step-In Post	4 ft.	3 ½ ft.	36 to 40 in.