

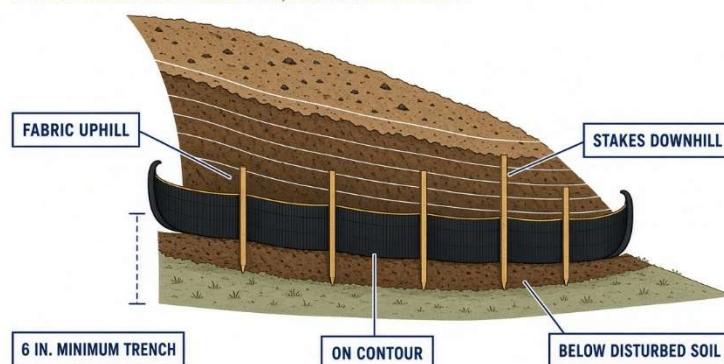


Silt Fence Field Guide

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SILT FENCE INSTALLATION – ON CONTOUR

INSTALL BELOW DISTURBED SOIL, ALONG THE CONTOUR

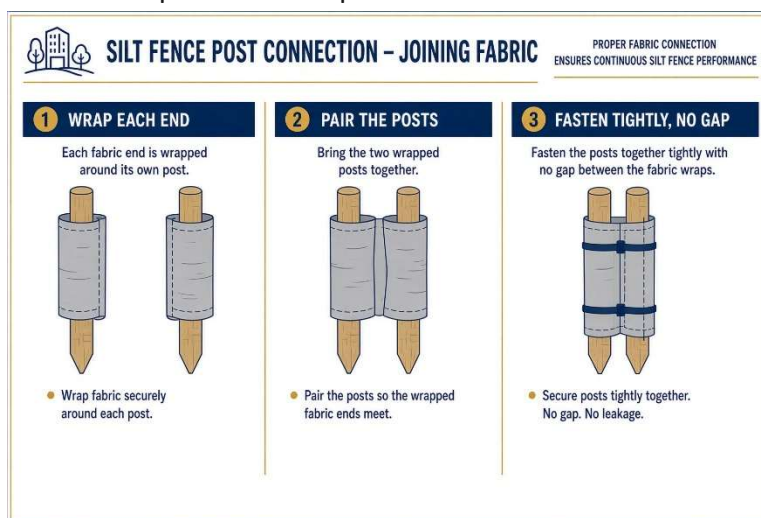


Item	Minimum
Trench	6 inches minimum. Bury the fabric, backfill, and compact.
Alignment	On the contour, below the disturbed soil.
Stakes	Downhill side. Fabric faces uphill.
Ends	Turn them upslope, like a J.
Sediment	Remove it at one-half the fence height.

Do not run silt fence up and down a slope, above the disturbed soil, or in a ditch, channel, or stream.

Join The Ends!

Wrap each fabric end around its own post. Pair the posts. Fasten them so runoff cannot pass the seam.



Install It

- Place it below the disturbed soil.
- Run it along the contour.
- Trench at least 6 inches.
- Stakes downhill, fabric uphill.

Keep It Working

- Inspect after a hard rain.
- Repair a tear, a sag, or an undercut.
- Clean sediment at half the fence height.
- Use more than one row on a long slope.