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Site Preparation Guide

Level The Site - A Critical 1st Step!

Tools & Materials:	
1. Hammer or Sledgehammer	2. (4) Stakes
3. Marker	4. String (enough to stretch around base plus extra to wrap around stakes)
5. String Level	6. Runner Crush Stone *
<p><i>* A 3" - 4" level base of runner crush stone is preferred for proper drainage and uniform weight distribution of your structure. We recommend that your stone base extend approximately 12" around the perimeter of your structure. For example, if your structure is 10'x12', the stone footprint should be approximately 12'x14'. Be sure to allow space for a ramp (if included), which would protrude approximately 4' in front of the double doors.</i></p>	

Steps To Level The Site:
1. Drive stakes into all 4 corners of the area where your structure will be placed. Be sure to extend the base by at least 12" around the perimeter as described above*.
2. Verify that the site is square by measuring diagonally in both directions. The measurements should be equal.
3. Determine which stake is at the highest elevation and mark it at 4" up from the ground. This will be evident with an uneven site. If your site is flat, use your best judgement.
4. Tie string at the 4" mark and stretch the string to the next stake.
5. Center the string level (line) between the stakes, and adjust the string height at the 2nd stake until level.
6. Draw a line at the level mark on the 2nd stake.
7. Wrap the string around the 2nd stake at the level line making sure it is taught.
8. Continue this process until the string is level around all four stakes.
9. Fill the area with crushed stone base to the height of string lines, tamping down as you go. Repeat until the entire site is level and compacted.

NOTES:

- This document is meant to help you prepare for your delivery, however, individual circumstances may require alternate arrangements.
- Permits (if required), proper site preparation (including leveling and drainage) and lawn repairs (if needed) are the responsibility of the customer.