

The following table provides “rule-of-thumb” guidelines for an average installation. Soil type varies widely from one region to another. The actual depth and diameter of the hole and the amount of concrete used is very dependent on soil type. Installations in loose, sandy soil will require a larger, deeper hole with more concrete than an installation in hard, rocky soil. The amount of pole sticking out of the ground and the wind speeds in your area also play an important role in determining the depth and diameter of the hole. If in doubt, we recommend that you consult a civil engineer in your area that is familiar with local soil conditions.

MODULE AREA	POLE SIZE (STEEL PIPE)	LENGTH IN GROUND	HEIGHT * ABOVE GROUND	HOLE DIAMETER
15 SQ. FT.	2" SCH40 (2-3/8" OD)	30"-36"	48"-72"	8"-12"
20 SQ. FT.	2.5" SCH40 (2-7/8" OD)	34"-40"	48"-72"	10"-14"
28 SQ. FT.	3" SCH40 (3-1/2" OD)	36"-42"	48"-72"	12"-16"
35 SQ. FT.	3" SCH40 (3-1/2" OD)	38"-44"	60"-72"	12"-16"
60 SQ. FT.	4" SCH40 (4-1/2" OD)	42"-48"	60"-72"	16"-24"
90 SQ. FT.	6" SCH40 (6-5/8" OD)	48"-60"	60"-84"	24"-30"
120 SQ. FT.	6" SCH40 (6-5/8" OD)	48"-72"	72"-84"	24"-30"
160 SQ. FT.	8" SCH40 (8-5/8" OD)	60"-78"	84"-102"	30"-36"
180 SQ. FT.	8" SCH40 (8-5/8" OD)	60"-78"	84"-102"	30"-36"
225 SQ. FT.	8" SCH80 (8-5/8" OD)	72"-84"	96"-120"	36"
260 SQ. FT.	8" SCH80 (8-5/8" OD)	72"-84"	96"-120"	36"

\* If you need a taller pole for snow clearance or to clear nearby obstructions you will need to have more pole in the ground. For each extra foot that you add above ground you will need approximately 6" in the ground in concrete.

If you have to go more than 2ft-3ft higher than what is shown in the table you may need a larger diameter pole. Please consult the factory.

**General Procedure:** When your hole is ready place the piece of pipe in it so that it is resting on the bottom of the hole - it is a good idea to fill the bottom 2"-4" of the hole with rocks. Brace the pole plumb and pour concrete around it. Fill the hole to ground level, add a little extra concrete and use a trowel to form a mound around the pole so that the concrete slopes down away from the pole. Allow the concrete to set up for at least 24 hours before installing your rack.

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