

# Manual Installation



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Remove all plants and weeds. Hoes and, where necessary, suitable systemic weed killers are the best methods to achieve this. Remember ground cover fabrics are designed to control reoccurrence not kill existing weeds.



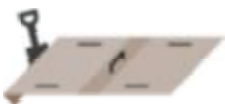
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**2**

Use steel rakes to level the ground. Remove any stones and debris and flatten surface. The ground should be smooth and even.



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**3**

On steep slopes, use a ladder for the installation, to prevent product damaging.



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**4**

Make sure that the fabric is in close contact with the surface. Fix the mat carefully with "U" shaped metal pins or biodegradable pegs minimum 150mm long (subject to ground conditions) or dig the ends of the mat in the soil (min 10cm deep). Use 1 pin per metre in both directions, and max 50cm spacing on overlaps and edges.



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**5**

Overlaps should be minimum 150mm. Take into consideration the dominant direction of the wind, when choosing the position of the overlap.



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**6**

Make cross incisions to allow planting. Use a "Y" incision rather than "X" incision.



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**7**

After planting, close the flaps carefully and fix with one or two pins or pegs in order to minimize the open area around the plants. Check thoroughly that all pins are pushed deep enough into the soil.