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Preparing for Your High Tunnel or Greenhouse

Set Yourself Up for Success With CT Greenhouse: *Preparing for Your Delivery*

Have you recently purchased a greenhouse or are you planning to in the near future? Start preparing now to ensure sure you're ready to begin growing right away!

Location, Location, Location!

Location is the number one thing to consider before you purchase a new structure. Factors to keep in mind:



Sunlight

Your plants need light to grow! Aim for the location that has the maximum sunlight exposure throughout the day for the best growing results.



Utilities

Will you need access to electricity, water, and heat? If you're using propane heat, the structure will need to be accessible for delivery trucks.



Slope

The structure should be built level, but ground slope can be compensated for by adding longer ground posts and end walls on one side. Ground posts should always be pounded into solid undisturbed soil, so if you are leveling the site it is better to remove material from the uphill side than to add fill to the downhill side.



Drainage

Where will the roof runoff from the tunnel go? Will there be other drainage considerations from higher ground or other structures nearby?



Trees

Surrounding trees might provide too much shade for growing, and falling branches could cause damage.



Questions to Ask Before Installation

? What Can I Use My Greenhouse For?

Common uses for our greenhouses include:

- Propagation on benches
- In-ground growing with NRCS-approved high tunnels
- Retail sales
- Storage

Whatever you're looking for, we'll help you select the right structure for your needs.

? What Shipping Logistics do I Need to Consider?

We strive to make shipping easy. Our entire kit is delivered on a single slide-off skid — no heavy machinery required!

The primary logistical consideration to think about before your delivery: how close can a delivery truck get to your build site? Talk to us about your setup to ensure a smooth delivery process.

? How Big Does My Structure Need to Be?

There are two things you need to plan for when considering the size of your structure:

- **Height:** Consider the size of equipment you'll need to get in and out of your structure regularly — including tractors, trucks, people, animals, and carts for your crops — and plan the height of trusses and doors accordingly.
- **Footprint:** Generally, a bigger structure will be better at holding heat at night. You should also consider the layout; a wide or square footprint will typically be better than a long and skinny structure.

? What if I Have Questions During the Build Process?

CT Greenhouse is here to help you every step of the way. Our products all come with a comprehensive set of build instructions, and we are always available to provide additional support as questions arise.

"The greenhouse frame was delivered in one neat package with a complete detailed instruction manual with pictures and easy-to-follow directions, the parts are labeled and packaged separately. This is a well-built and rugged frame. The owners are very helpful and available to talk to with any questions during the build!"

- Chris Smith, C.N. Smith Farm, Inc.

Ready to Start Growing With CT Greenhouse?

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