

How to safely set up a nest protector

Have you found a turtle's nest on your property?

Below are instructions on how to safely protect the nest from predators

Don't spook mom

Keep a distance from a nesting mom so she is not spooked. Make sure dogs are in the house before you begin.

Don't tamper with nest

Do not dig to expose the eggs. It is illegal to tamper with a nest without wildlife permits, and exposure can affect the success of the hatchlings.

Cover with care

Cover the nest with a large, 1m² wire protector (recommended). Ensure you do not poke holes in nest while placing. Use tent pegs or rocks to keep protector in place.

Large exit holes

Ensure that your nest protector has exit holes large enough for hatchlings to escape (2" x 2").

Things to remember

The nest and cage protector have to be exposed to sun and rain to create the correct amount of heat and moisture for the eggs to hatch.

Turtles may dig a few test holes. If the hole is open, it is not a nest. Turtles will cover their eggs fully.

Nearly 100% of nests built near humans are destroyed due to an increase in predators that thrive in these areas, such as skunks and racoons. It is always best for turtles to be born in their nests. Your actions help restore the balance.



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