



Post removal Instructions

When it comes time to replace your wooden fence post, the value of the *Phoenix I* post holder will be abundantly clear. There's no need to go through the difficult task of removing the concrete stump from the ground! No digging a new hole! No mixing and pouring new concrete or waiting for the concrete to cure! The *Phoenix I* makes the post replacement task so much easier than breaking and digging out that concrete!

STEP 1. Remove old caulking and locking shims

STEP 2. Extract post remnant from the *Phoenix I* post holder in ground

See [tips for STEP 2](#).

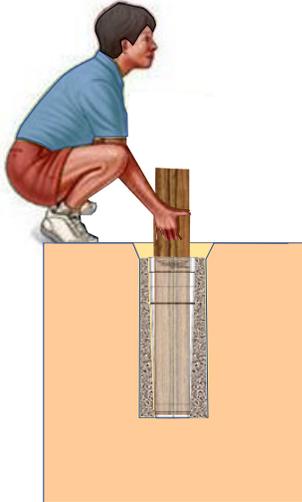


Figure R2a

STEP 3. Remove sand and install new post

See [tips for STEP 3](#).

The entire process of removing and replacing a fence post, with the *Phoenix I* post holder previously installed, is likely to take you no more than about one hour (removing fence sections, replacing post and replacing fence sections). If you are a “handy” DIYer (do-it-yourself-er), this task can be completed in about 30 minutes.



Appendix – Additional information



Tips for STEP 2. Extract post remnant from the *Phoenix I* post holder in ground

If there is any portion of the wooden post protruding from the ground, go ahead and grasp the post remnant and pull vertically to extract (See Figure R2a – use gloves). If the post is broken at ground level and no post remnant remains above the ground, first try removing the sand from around the post by brushing away sufficient sand to be able to grasp the portion of the post that remains in the post holder (Figure R2b). If a good grasp, sufficient to pull the post up out of the post holder is not achieved, then pound a large nail/spike into the top of the remaining piece of post still in the sand and post holder. A large nail, 10-12 inches in length, is ideal. Pound in the nail until the resistance indicates that the nail is solidly in the wood but leaving several inches of the nail sticking out (Figure R2c). Grasp the nail and vertically extract the wood from the Phoenix post holder.

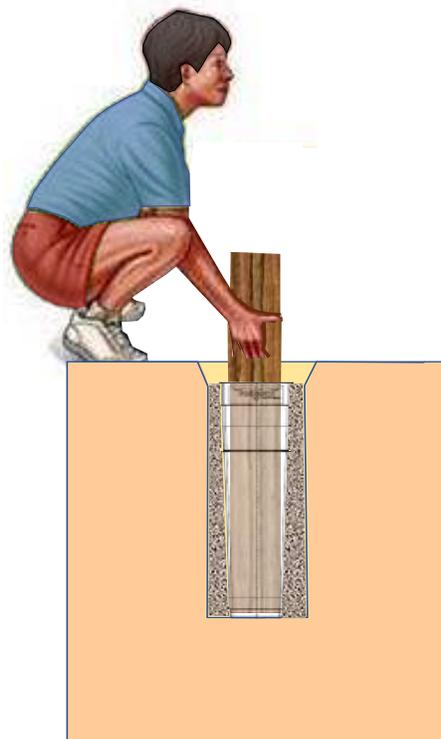


Figure R2a

If the post remnant is still difficult to extract with the large nail, use a long, slim metal bar (like a “slim Jim”) to loosen the sand around each of the four sides of the post. Such bars can be purchased at your local hardware store.

If the sand was installed properly and remains mostly dry, the post will readily be extracted.

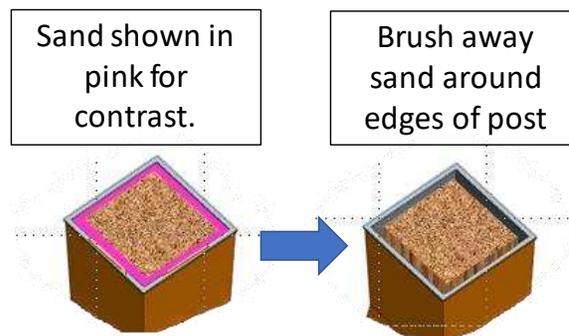


Figure R2b – shows post and post holder with some sand removed around the post

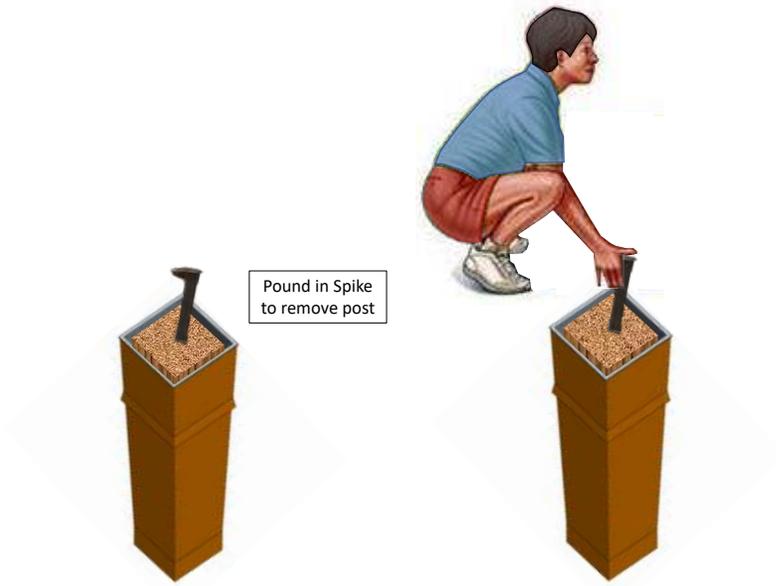


Figure R2c – shows post with nail or spike protruding from post end to grasp and pull out of ground

End of Step 2 tips.



STEP 3. Remove sand and install new post

Remove the sand by scooping it out of the post holder. If available, a shop vac makes the job of removing the old sand very easy. Once the sand is removed, you can now reinstall a new post by following the *Installation instructions*. Unless the old sand is dry and free of common dirt, use new, dry sand for the installation of your replacement post. It is **IMPORTANT** to use dry sand when re-installing a post.

End of Step 3 tips.