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How to Exclude your Structure from Future Animal Entry

Digging, trenching and backfilling will exclude your deck/shed/garage from further digging animals from making a home under it.

You will need to dig a trench 24” down next to your structure and 24” wide out/away from the structure.

You will continue the wall of your structure down into the trench nailing/screwing with PT plywood. This will give you a solid surface to staple the mesh to in the trench.

Staple your mesh (with 1 foot bend in each 8-foot section) to the bottom of the PT plywood in the trench. Repeat until entire structure is completed. Backfill the trenches with dirt. Animals will try to dig under but will be stopped by the PT plywood or the mesh.

Materials needed:

Shovel to dig trench

Wire cutters to cut mesh into 8-foot sections

Rubber Hammer to help with 12” bend.

¾” Pressure Treated (PT) Plywood cut into 2-foot-wide X 8-foot lengths. (Home Depot will cut these for you most of the time.)

Rolls of wire mesh 36” wide X 50’ length- Cut at 8-foot-long sections bent at 1 foot “L” shape angle. Short (12-inch) side will attach to bottom plywood in base of trench and 24-inch side will lay along bottom in the trench. *See drawing below.*

- Choose mesh size below (*spacing of mesh*)
- Small animal prevention choose a ¼” mesh size (*chipmunks, mice, moles, voles*)
 - Larger animal prevention choose a ½” mesh (*skunks, squirrel, woodchuck/ground hog, raccoon, fox*)

Hammer/Screw gun to attach PT Plywood

Nails or screws for attaching PT plywood to your deck/shed/structure

Heavy duty stapler & staples for attaching mesh to PT plywood in trench.

