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Historical Marker Post Installation Instructions

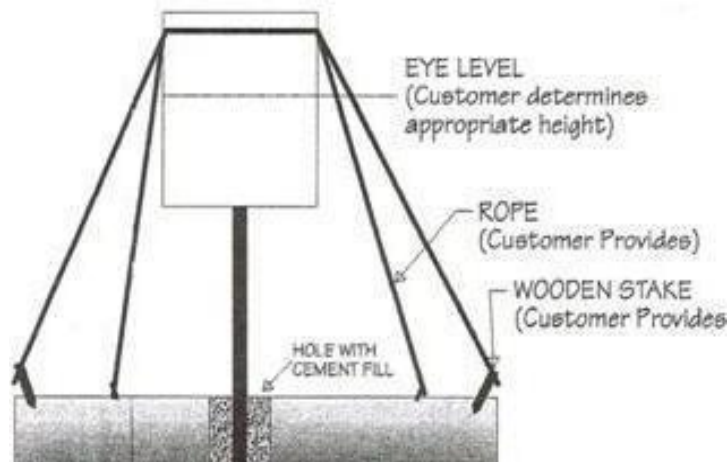
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YOU WILL NEED:

- Wooden stakes (4)
- Rope
- Container or wheelbarrow to mix cement
- Shovel
- Cement (about 6 to 7 bags of ready-mix cement, depends on the width of the hole)
- At least two people to install

INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) Prepare the post hole.
- (2) After checking for underground utilities (gas, water, electric, cable, phone, etc.), dig a hole approximately 18" in diameter and approximately 2' deep. The depth of the hole is determined by placing the post in the hole and finding the approximate mid-point of the plaque. For 27" x 42" markers, the ground should hit the marker post around 37" from the bottom. For 18" x 28" markers, the ground should hit the marker post around 33" from the bottom. You will have to determine what you think looks best for your plaque.
- (3) Drive wooden stakes (that you provide) into the ground in four spots around the plaque.
- (4) Insert the post into the hole.
- (5) Have someone hold the plaque in place while another person attaches ropes to the plaque.
- (6) Tie the ropes to the wooden stakes so that the plaque is level and straight.
- (7) Fill in the hole with cement.
- (8) After cement dries, remove the ropes and wooden stakes.



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