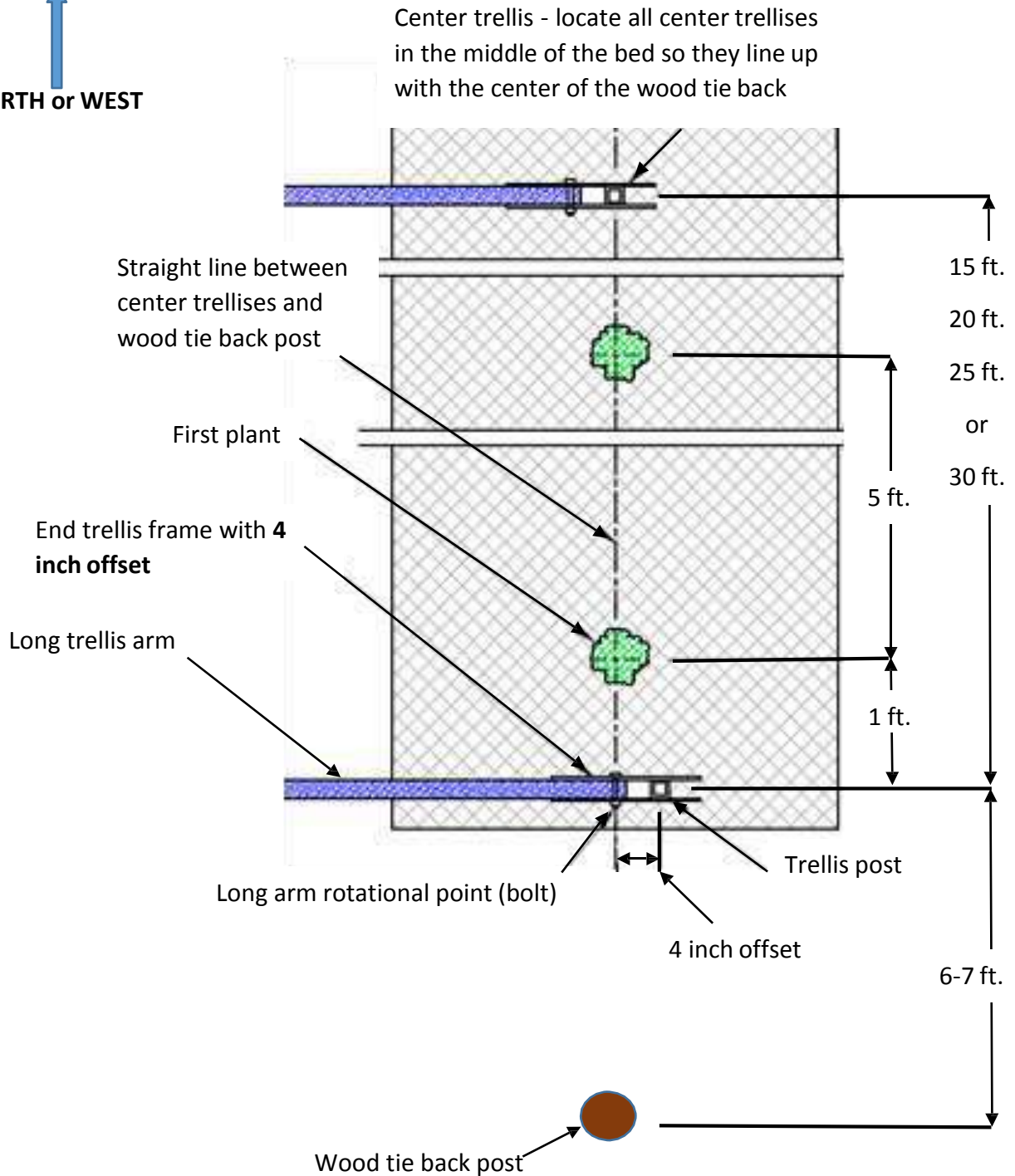


RCA Trellis Assembly Overview

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NORTH or WEST



Overview of Installation Tasks:

1. Form raised beds to desired length and cover with landscape fabric. Note: drip irrigation tape/tubing can be placed under or on top of the fabric. If placed under the fabric, be sure to offset it at least 1 foot from the center of the bed to avoid damaging it during trellis installation.
2. Mark the position of each trellis frame on the landscape fabric. Note: the maximum distance between trellis frames is 30 feet. This distance can be decreased in increments of 5 feet to accommodate spacing the blackberry plants 5 feet apart.
3. Install the wood tie back posts at both ends of the row 6-7 feet beyond the End Trellis Frames. The wood posts should be a minimum 5 inch diameter and 78 inch long on flat terrain or 96 inch long if on sloping terrain and driven from 48 inch to 54 inch deep.
4. Use a propane torch with a quick rotating motion to burn a 2" diameter hole in the center of the landscape fabric where the Center Trellis Frames will be installed. **DO NOT** burn a hole for the two End Trellis Frames yet.
5. Install all Center Trellis Frames.
6. Pull a string from the Center Trellis Frame to the wood post.
7. Make a 4 inch offset mark on the landscape fabric. Note: If your rows run North/South, then the offset is to the East of the string. If your rows run East/West, then the offset is to the North of the string.
8. Use a propane torch with a quick rotating motion to burn a 2" diameter hole in the center of the landscape fabric where the End Trellis Frames will be installed.
9. Install the End Trellis Frames.
10. Mark the position of each plant on the landscape fabric. Note: best plant spacing is 5 feet apart. The first plant (East or North row end) is best spaced 1 foot from the End Trellis Frame and the last plant (West or East row end) is best spaced 4 feet from the End Trellis Frame.
11. Use a propane torch with a quick rotating motion to burn a 4-6 inch diameter hole in the center of the landscape fabric where the plants will be placed. Note: Avoid larger holes as this will encourage more weed growth around the plants.
12. Plant the blackberry plants following their planting instructions.
13. Refer to the Complete Installation Instructions to finish assembling the trellising.