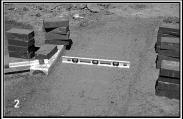


## BEACON PROBRICK INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Beacon ProBricks will improve several difficult maintenance areas on your fields: the table of the mound, the area immediately in front of the pitching rubber, the pitcher's landing area, the batter's boxes, and the catcher' box.

- Step 1) Determine the size and shape of the areas to be bricked. See diagram on the back of this page.
- Step 2) Excavate the areas to a depth of approximately ½" to ½" greater than the height of the bricks (2-1/4" for Beacon ProBricks). It is strongly suggested that a flat-nosed shovel be used for this step. (Photo 1)
- Step 3) Thoroughly tamp and level the bottom of the excavated area. It is very important that this step be done properly to ensure a uniformly compact and even soil base on which the bricks will be placed. (Photo 2)
- Step 4) Lay the bricks side by side in the desired area. The bricks should be placed tightly to one another. Be sure to check that a uniform depth below the playing surface is maintained during installation of the bricks. (Photo 3)
- Step 5) Thoroughly water the top surface of the bricks and allow it to soak in for several minutes. (Photo 4)
- Step 6) While the surface is still damp, cover the bricks with existing infield material and tamp or roll the area to achieve even firmness across the surface of the mound. (Photo 5)
  - \*\*It is highly suggested that the mound and batters box areas be covered with a tarp when not in use to maintain consistent moisture in the clay.\* \*











## **MAINTENANCE**

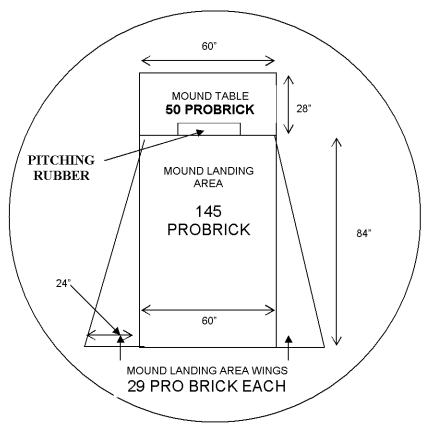
A regular maintenance schedule of raking, filling, tamping, and moistening should be

established for any batters box or pitchers mound clay area. Set a daily routine to check the installation for any signs of wear that would need to be corrected or repaired. Wherever holes or wear areas form in the clay area, sweep out all loose soil materials. Next, wet the sides and the bottom of the holes to moisten the existing clay. This will help to glue the new clay to the existing clay. For ease of repair, use shredded bagged mound clay to fill in holes that develop as a result of play. Add enough shredded clay to adequately fill the wear hole. If the shredded clay is dry, try premoistening the clay on a concrete floor or in a wheelbarrow so that the clay is just moist enough to bind together but not too moist to stick to your tools. Seat the loose clay in the hole with a couple taps of the back of the shovel. Then, use a tamp to pack the clay firmly into place. A sharpened iron garden rake is a great tool to use to shave any high spots down in the area that new clay was added. Afterwards, retamp for firmness. Watering the areas where bricks are installed will help keep moisture in the bricks to give better footing and improve performance of your clay surface. Covering the bricked areas will also help maintain a consistent moisture level in the bricks and protect them from receiving too much moisture during rainstorms.

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## **BEACON PROBRICK RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommended brick amounts were achieved through surface calculations and should be used as guidance.



- Pro Bricks should be laid parallel to the front edge of the pitching rubber.
- As you lay each row of brick, be sure to alternate the seams to provide a more stable surface.
- Mound landing area wings are optional but highly recommended and are built to same slope specs as main landing.

