

# GARDENING TIP

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## Garden Hose Guides

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Now we are stating to water with a hose, most of us have problems with the hose dragging over the flower bed when we pull it along. Here is a simple way to solve that. Go to the hardware store and buy metal stakes that are about 2 feet long. There are several kinds available in places like Home Depot, or you can just buy conduit and cut it to the right length. While you are there buy some rubber ends that fit the size stake you purchased (the kind you put on the bottom of a metal chair or on the end of your walking cane).

Now every where you have a corner where you are pulling the hose around a flower bed or shrub that you don't want the hose to pull over, pound in a stake so it is about 8 inches out of the ground at the corner. Then put one of those rubber fittings on the end for safety (so if someone falls and hits it, it wont hurt them).

As you water your lawn or garden now, when you pull the hose along, these stakes will keep the hose from smashing down your flowers or damaging other things in your garden.

You can of course buy these devices at most hardware stores or on line for about \$3 to \$5 each depending on material they are made out of (you get what you pay for of course).

<http://www.garden-and-yard-products.com/garden-hose-guides.htm>

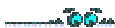


Some of the better ones will have a roller on them to help the hose pull around the corner. This one was advertised online at 4 for \$16.99.

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