North American Green is the world’s leading provider of performance-guaranteed erosion control solutions. For more than 25 years, our line of erosion and sediment control products has kept our customers on solid ground. Our short-term and long-term Erosion Control Blankets (ECBs) and Turf Reinforcement Mats (TRMs) keep you one step ahead of just about any erosion challenge.

North American Green provides everything you need to know for quick, accurate erosion control installation tailored to your site. From start to finish, the North American Green® RollMax System™ product installation instructions are based on extensive research and field-proven techniques to ensure project success. The following pages offer instructions and guidelines for several scenarios you may encounter during the installation of the RollMax System.

EXPERIENCE YOU CAN RELY ON

We are the industry leader when it comes to providing comprehensive erosion and sediment control and turf reinforcement solutions. We have developed integrated systems and products with the sole objective to ensure absolute customer satisfaction. Our products are backed by the most thorough quality assurance practices in the industry. In addition, we provide comprehensive design assistance for every North American Green system.

For additional installation assistance with the RollMax System, please visit www.nagreen.com, e-mail info@nagreen.com, or call 800-772-2040 and we will be happy to put you in touch with an erosion control specialist who can assist you.
Installation Made Easy

When under the pressure of severe conditions, even the best erosion control products can’t function to their full potential without proper installation and anchoring. North American Green supplies a wide variety of fastener options for nearly every application and soil type.

For use in cohesive soils, wire staples are a cost-effective means to fasten RollMax™ System Rolled Erosion Control Products (RECPs). Available in 6 in., 8 in., 10 in. and 12 in. lengths, our U-shaped staples reach various depths to ensure adequate pull-out resistance. For installation using our handy Pin Pounder installation tool, 6 in. V-top staples or 6 in. circle top pins are available.

Our biodegradable BioStakes® are available in 4 in. and 6 in. lengths and provide an environmentally friendly alternative to metal staples. For an even more durable, deeper reaching yet all-natural anchoring option, our wood EcoStakes® are available in 6 in., 12 in., 18 in. and 24 in. lengths.

For severe applications needing the ultimate, long-lasting hold, try our 12 in. and 18 in. rebar staples, our 12 in. plastic ShoreMax® stakes, or our complete line of percussion earth anchors. The earth anchors reach deep into the soil strata to offer enhanced anchoring in the worst conditions. Our variety of earth anchors are designed for durability and holding power under extreme hydraulic stresses and adverse soil conditions.

**STAPLE PATTERNS**

Proper staple patterns must be used to achieve optimal results in RECP installation. We recommend the following general stapling patterns as guidance for use with our RECPs as seen in (Figure 1). Site-specific staple pattern recommendations based on soil type and severity of application may be acquired through our Erosion Control Materials Design Software (ECMDS®), [www.ecmds.com](http://www.ecmds.com).

![STAPLE PATTERN GUIDE](image)

**NOTES:**

- Use ECMDS® for more accurate staple pattern selection
- The information presented herein is general design information only
- For specific applications, consult an independent professional for further design guidance.
Slope Installation

The following slope guide outlines general recommendations for installing RollMax™ System temporary and/or permanent RECPs on sloping applications. Consult the staple pattern guide (Figure 1) for fastener spacing recommendations based on the slope severity.

**SLOPE INSTALLATION STEPS**

1. Prepare soil before installing RECPs, including any necessary application of lime, fertilizer and seed.

2. Begin at the top of the slope by anchoring the RECPs in a 6 in. (15 cm) deep x 6 in. (15 cm) wide trench with approximately 12 in. (30 cm) of RECPs extended beyond the upslope portion of the trench. Anchor the RECPs with a row of staples/stakes approximately 12 in. (30 cm) apart in the bottom of the trench. Backfill and compact the trench after stapling. Apply seed to the compacted soil and fold the remaining 12 in. (30 cm) portion of RECPs back over the seed and compacted soil. Secure RECPs over compacted soil with a row of staples/stakes spaced approximately 12 in. (30 cm) apart across the width of the RECPs.

3. Roll the RECPs (3A) down or (3B) horizontally across the slope. RECPs will unroll with appropriate side against the soil surface. All RECPs must be securely fastened to soil surface by placing staples/stakes in appropriate locations as shown in the staple pattern guide.

4. The edges of parallel RECPs must be stapled with an approximately 2 in.-5 in. (5-12.5 cm) overlap depending on the RECP type.

5. Consecutive RECPs spliced down the slope must be end-over-end (shingle style) with an approximate 3 in. (7.5 cm) overlap. Staple through overlapped area, approximately 12 in. (30 cm) apart across entire RECPs width.*

*NOTE: In adverse soil conditions longer staples/stakes or earth anchors may be necessary to properly secure the RECPs.
Channel Installation

The following channel guide outlines general recommendations for installing RollMax System temporary and/or permanent RECPs in concentrated flow applications. Consult the staple pattern guide (Figure 1) for fastener spacing recommendations based on the channel severity.

**CRITICAL POINTS**
A. Overlaps and Seams
B. Projected Water Line
C. Channel Bottom/Side Slope Vertices

**DRAWINGS NOT TO SCALE**

**CHANNEL INSTALLATION STEPS**
1. Prepare soil before installing RECPs, including any necessary application of lime, fertilizer and seed.
2. Begin at the top of the channel by anchoring the RECPs in a 6 in. (15 cm) deep x 6 in. (15 cm) wide trench with approximately 12 in. (30 cm) of RECPs extended beyond the upslope portion of the trench. For supplemental scour protection, use RevetMax™ System ShoreMax® Mat at the channel/culvert outlet as needed. Anchor the RECPs with a row of staples/stakes approximately 12 in. (30 cm) apart in the bottom of the trench. Backfill and compact the trench after stapling. Apply seed to the compacted soil and fold the remaining 12 in. (30 cm) portion of RECPs back over the seed and compacted soil. Secure RECPs over compacted soil with a row of staples/stakes spaced approximately 12 in. (30 cm) apart across the width of the RECPs.
3. Roll center RECPs in direction of water flow in bottom of channel. RECPs will unroll with appropriate side against the soil surface. All RECPs must be securely fastened to soil surface by placing staples/stakes in appropriate locations as shown in the staple pattern guide.
4. Place consecutive RECPs end-over-end (shingle style) with a 4 in.-6 in. (10-15 cm) overlap. Use a double row of staples staggered 4 in. (10 cm) apart and 4 in. (10 cm) on center to secure RECPs.
5. Full-length edge of RECPs at top of side slopes must be anchored with a row of staples/stakes approximately 12 in. (30 cm) apart in a 6 in. (15 cm) deep x 6 in. (15 cm) wide trench. Backfill and compact the trench after stapling.
6. Adjacent RECPs must be overlapped approximately 2 in.-5 in. (5-12.5 cm) (depending on RECP type) and stapled.
7. In high flow channel applications a staple check slot is recommended at 30 to 40 ft (9-12 m) intervals. Use a double row of staples staggered 4 in. (10 cm) apart and 4 in. (10 cm) on center over entire width of the channel.
8. The terminal end of the RECPs must be anchored with a row of staples/stakes approximately 12 in. (30 cm) apart in a 6 in. (15 cm) deep x 6 in. (15 cm) wide trench. Backfill and compact the trench after stapling.

*NOTE: In adverse soil conditions longer staples/stakes or earth anchors may be necessary to properly secure the RECPs.*
SHORELINE/STREAMBANK INSTALLATION STEPS

1. For easier installation, lower water level from Level A to Level B before installation to allow bottom trenching.

2. Prepare soil before installing RECPs, including any necessary application of lime, fertilizer and seed.

3. Begin at the top of the shoreline by anchoring the RECPs in a 6 in. (15 cm) deep x 6 in. (15 cm) wide trench with approximately 12 in. (30 cm) of RECPs extended beyond the upslope portion of the trench. Anchor the RECPs with a row of staples/stakes approximately 12 in. (30 cm) apart in the bottom of the trench. Backfill and compact the trench after stapling. Apply seed to the compacted soil and fold the remaining 12 in. (30 cm) portion of RECPs back over the seed and compacted soil. Secure RECPs over compacted soil with a row of staples/stakes spaced approximately 12 in. (30 cm) apart across the width of the RECPs.

4. Roll RECPs either (A) down the shoreline for long banks (top to bottom) or (B) horizontally across the shoreline slope. RECPs will unroll with appropriate side against the soil surface. All RECPs must be securely fastened to soil surface by placing staples/stakes in appropriate locations as shown in the staple pattern guide.

5. The edges of all horizontal and vertical seams must be stapled with an approximately 2 in.-5 in. (5-12.5 cm) overlap. In streambank applications, seam overlaps should be shingled in the predominant flow direction.

6. The edges of the RECPs at or below normal water level must be anchored by placing the RECPs in a 12 in. (30 cm) deep x 6 in. (15 cm) wide anchor trench. Anchor the RECPs with a row of staples/stakes spaced approximately 12 in. (30 cm) apart in the trench. Backfill and compact the trench after stapling (stone or soil may be used as backfill). For installation at or below normal water level, use of a ShoreMax Mat on top of the RECP or geotextile may be recommended. Bottom anchor trench can be eliminated when using a ShoreMax Mat over RECP along the bottom edge.

NOTE: In adverse soil conditions longer staples/stakes or earth anchors may be necessary to properly secure the RECPs.
**Special Installation Instructions**

**Anchor Detail**  
(Shown for a 10 ft wide HP-TRM)

NOTES: Anchor Pattern Guide can  
 vary based on earth anchor and  
 blanket selection.

**Earth Anchor**  
(1/sy)

**Staple/  
 Stake**  
 (1.3/sy)

**3 ft**  
 (0.9 m)

**5 ft**  
 (1.51 m)

**2 in.-5 in.**  
 (5-12.5 cm)

**Percussion Earth Anchor Installation**

1. **Driving Anchor**
2. **Option A**  
   Pneumatic Drive
3. **Option B**  
   Manual Drive
4. **Loadlocking**
5. **Option A**  
   Crimping
6. **Option B**  
   Self-Tension

**Drawings not to scale**

**ANCHORING DETAIL**

Consult the RollMax™ Turf and Earth Reinforced Mat Systems (TERMS) Installation Guide for details about using earth anchors with RollMax RECPs. The performance of ground anchoring devices is highly dependent on numerous site/project specific variables. It is the responsibility of the project engineer and/or contractor to select the appropriate anchor.

1. Staples and/or stakes should be at least 6 in. (15 cm) in length and with sufficient ground penetration to resist pullout. Longer staples and/or stakes may be needed in looser soils.

2. The percussion earth anchor assembly includes an anchor head, a tendon, a faceplate, and an end-piece device. Consult Earth Anchor specification for detailed information on assembly components and associated pull-out strength.

**PERCUSSION EARTH ANCHOR INSTALLATION**

1. Insert the drive rod into the assembly’s anchor head then use either a sledge hammer or a vibratory hammer to drive the anchor to the desired depth.

2. After the desired anchor depth is achieved, retract the drive rod.

3. Lock the anchor assembly by swiftly pulling the cable upwards until the anchor head rotates as signaled by sudden resistance to pulling. A hooked setting tool may be used to aid in this step.

4. Secure the faceplate to the HP-TRM surface by locking the end-piece. If using a copper or aluminum stop, crimp the ferrule to secure. If using a self-tensioning end-piece (grip or wedge grip) set by simply tightening the end-piece against the faceplate. If needed, cut the remaining cable to desired length.

**SEEDING AND VEGETATING**

When using a Composite Turf Reinforcement Mat (C-TRM) with fiber components:

1. Pre-seed prepared soils prior to the installation of the C-TRM. Install matting as directed. C-TRM does not require soil infill or a top dressing of seed. Overseeding may be done as a secondary form of seeding.

2. Sod may be installed in place of seeding on top of the C-TRM. Additional staking of sod is recommended in high-flow conditions. Sodded areas should be irrigated until rooting through the mat and into subgrade occurs.

When using a woven HP-TRM:

1. Install the HP-TRM as directed prior to seed and soil filling.

2. Place seed into the installed HP-TRM. After seeding, spread a layer of fine soil into the mat. Using the flat side of a rake, broom or other tool, completely fill the voids. Smooth soil-fill in order to just expose the top of the HP-TRM matrix. Do not place excessive soil above the mat.

3. Additional seed, hydraulic mulching, or the use of a temporary Erosion Control Blanket (ECB) can be applied over the soil-filled mat for increased protection.

4. Sod may be installed in place of seeding. Install HP-TRM, and soil-fill as outlined above. Place sod directly onto the soil-filled HP-TRM. Additional staking of sod is recommended in high-flow conditions. Sodded areas should be irrigated until rooting through the mat and into subgrade occurs.

5. Consult with a manufacturer’s technical representative for installation assistance if unique conditions apply.