

## Bird Gard Product Management Guidelines

An active bird control management program is the key to successfully repelling pest birds. Bird feeding patterns may take several days or weeks to break. Follow all suggestions for maximum effectiveness.

**Read all instructions prior to installation.** For best results:

- It is extremely important to have full sound coverage over the entire area needing protection. Any areas not fully protected will allow birds to begin feeding at the fringes of the sound coverage. They will soon become bolder and learn that the sounds do not pose a real danger. This will cause the effectiveness to diminish. Complete Bird Gard coverage forces birds to leave the protected area entirely.
- Install the Bird Gard unit at least two weeks before the crop begins to change color and birds are attracted to it. It is much easier to keep the birds away before they have found a food source than it is to repel them once they have developed a feeding pattern.
- Most birds begin feeding from the outside perimeter of a crop. Place Bird Gard units so that sound protection covers all the way to the edge of the crop and beyond if possible.
- Birds will often use nearby trees, power lines, tall grasses or wetlands for roosting and observation. If birds are in bordering areas it is necessary to position the units as close as possible to these areas. If birds are roosting in the trees at night the Time of Operation for units in or near the trees should be set to 24 Hours. A second solar panel and/or battery may be needed if the unit is run in 24-hour mode for more than a few days.
- Mount speakers at least five feet above trees, crops and structures for maximum coverage. Sound will disperse or reflect off structures or foliage. Mount control unit out of direct sun, if possible. Tall orchards may require speakers both under the canopy and above it.
- It is always best to run the Bird Gard units at High volume and on the Short time off setting. This ensures maximum "bird stress" and creates a hostile environment.
- Watch for changes in bird activity and readjust speaker locations accordingly. Check power source and unit settings often to insure continuous bird control. Be certain that the system is turned On, set at High volume, and that the battery has a good charge during crucial times.
- Remember that the Bird Gard system is a management tool and should be used as part of your overall bird control strategy, sometimes in conjunction with other bird control techniques and devices.
- The key to success with all Bird Gard products is correctly matching the right combination of bird distress and predator bird sounds to your specific bird control problem. If you are not satisfied with the results you are getting, we may be able to make recommendations that could dramatically improve your results.
- Be aware that under extreme drought or other adverse conditions, birds will disregard all deterrents and risks in order to survive.
- Always turn the Power switch on the unit to the Off position PRIOR to disconnecting it from the power source, or in the event of a power outage.
- If you have any questions about the use or operation of your Bird Gard product call us toll-free at 888-332-2328 Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm Pacific Time.