

Zip Ties

I use 8" zip ties. These are quite versatile and it always a pain if you have a 6" zip and they come up too short. I prefer the clear color but will also use black if that is the only option available. They come in bags of 100 or 1000 from Home Depot. I see they are available on Amazon and I imagine there are many other sources. They are not terribly expensive. They cut easily with a good pair of hand-pruners.

Bamboo Source - Prices as of October, 2014

The best trellis bamboo comes from Southeast Asia - I believe that would be Thailand and Vietnam. I have found that it lasts for many years in the garden - more if you take them down in the fall and reconstruct in the spring and summer.

I usually purchase my bamboo in bulk from **AM Leonard** in Ohio

<http://www.amleo.com/natural-bamboo-stakes/p/VP-BBN/>

The fact that they are in Ohio keeps shipping to a minimum (as opposed to California suppliers). The two below have traditionally come via UPS and are delivered to your door. Note that larger sizes are shipped by ship motor freight and costs much more.

I have always been pleased with the quality - though I will say that it can vary. Sizes are determined by the largest diameter - and some are fat for a long way while others taper quickly. I suppose that is the luck of the draw.

The quantities are large for some gardeners - so organize and group and purchase together - it is well worth it!

The two sizes I use the most are

N72 - ½ inch by 6 feet

Sold in bundles of 250 and costs 26 cents per stake

Smaller and versatile for many trellis applications

Cuts relatively easy with a good pair of hand-pruners

N96 - 7/8 inch by 8 feet

Sold in bundles of 50 and costs \$1.22 per stake

Larger and stronger for bigger jobs. Will definitely carry more weight than N72.

Impossible to cut with hand-pruners. Use a hack saw.