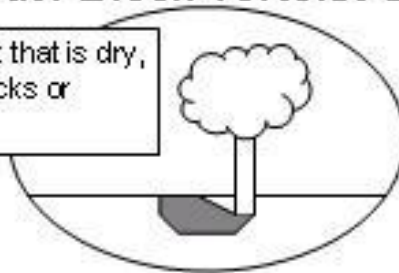
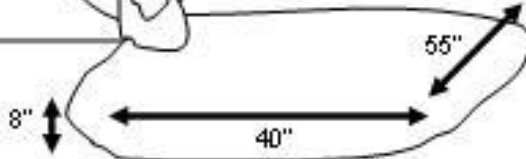


How to Make a Cinder Block Tortoise Burrow

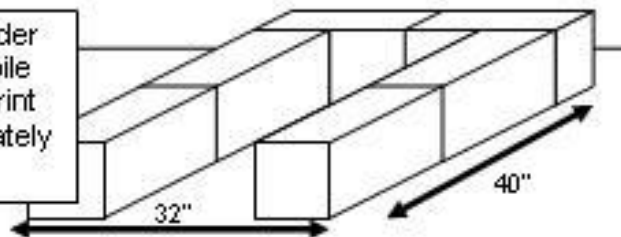
Step 1: Choose a spot that is dry, shaded, and free of rocks or gravel.



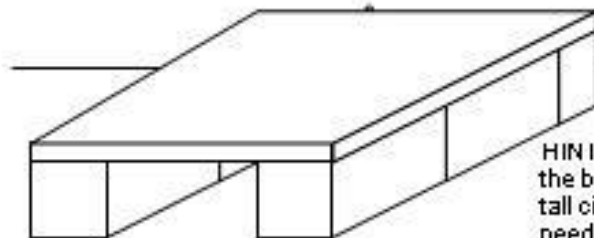
Step 2: Build a level pile of dirt about 40" wide x 55" long, and elevated 8" above ground level.



Step 3: Place 16" x 8" x 8" cinder blocks on top of the level soil pile to create the rectangular footprint of the burrow that is approximately 32" wide x 40" long.



Step 4: Lay the slab of sandstone or piece of plywood on top of the blocks to provide the roof.



HINT: Now is a good time to check the height of the burrow to make sure your tortoise fits. Add 4" tall cinder blocks to the top of the walls if needed.

Step 5: Cover the burrow with enough soil to provide have ≥ 8 inches deep of soil on the top, sides and back of the burrow. Dirt should spill down the sides and back of the burrow forming a large, insulating mound.

After each shovel full of soil, sprinkle lightly with water to help it solidify.

