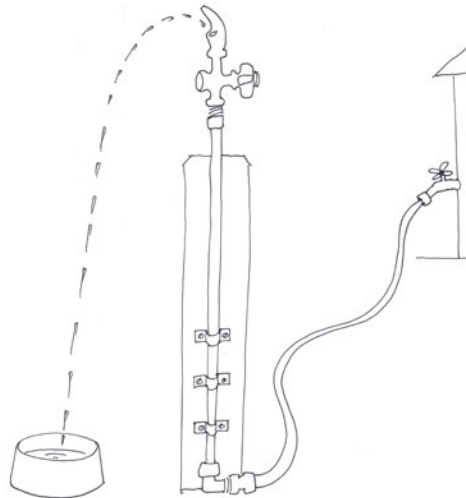


**Congratulations  
on your new  
NEIGHBORHOOD DRINKING  
FOUNTAIN!**

**And welcome to the  
Neighborhood Drinking  
Fountain network!**



Providing free, fresh water can have a huge impact on your neighborhood. It can help to:

- Support community health
- Combat extreme heat
- Reduce plastic pollution
- Improve hydration
- Bring a parade of neighborhood dogs
- Green the landscape
- Provide water for local wildlife and pollinators
- Create a place for play
- Build community

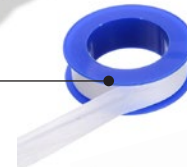
**Follow the instructions on the next few pages  
to get started!**

# How to install a NEIGHBORHOOD DRINKING FOUNTAIN

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## MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Drinking Fountain Faucet
- Sharkbite 1/2" x 1/2" Male Adapter
- Copper Pipe 1/2" x 36"
- Sharkbite 1/2" x 1/2" MNPT Elbow
- Hose Adapter 3/4" FH Swivel x 1/2" FIP Garden Hose Fitting (Female)
- RV Hose - Lead-free/drinking water safe
- Hose Bib Splitter
- Dog Bowl
- Plumber's Tape
- Attachment mechanisms (brackets and screws, zip ties, other)



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## TOOLS NEEDED:

- Wrench (for tightening connections)
- Tools to attach the fountain to its anchor (e.g. drill, screwdriver, etc.)

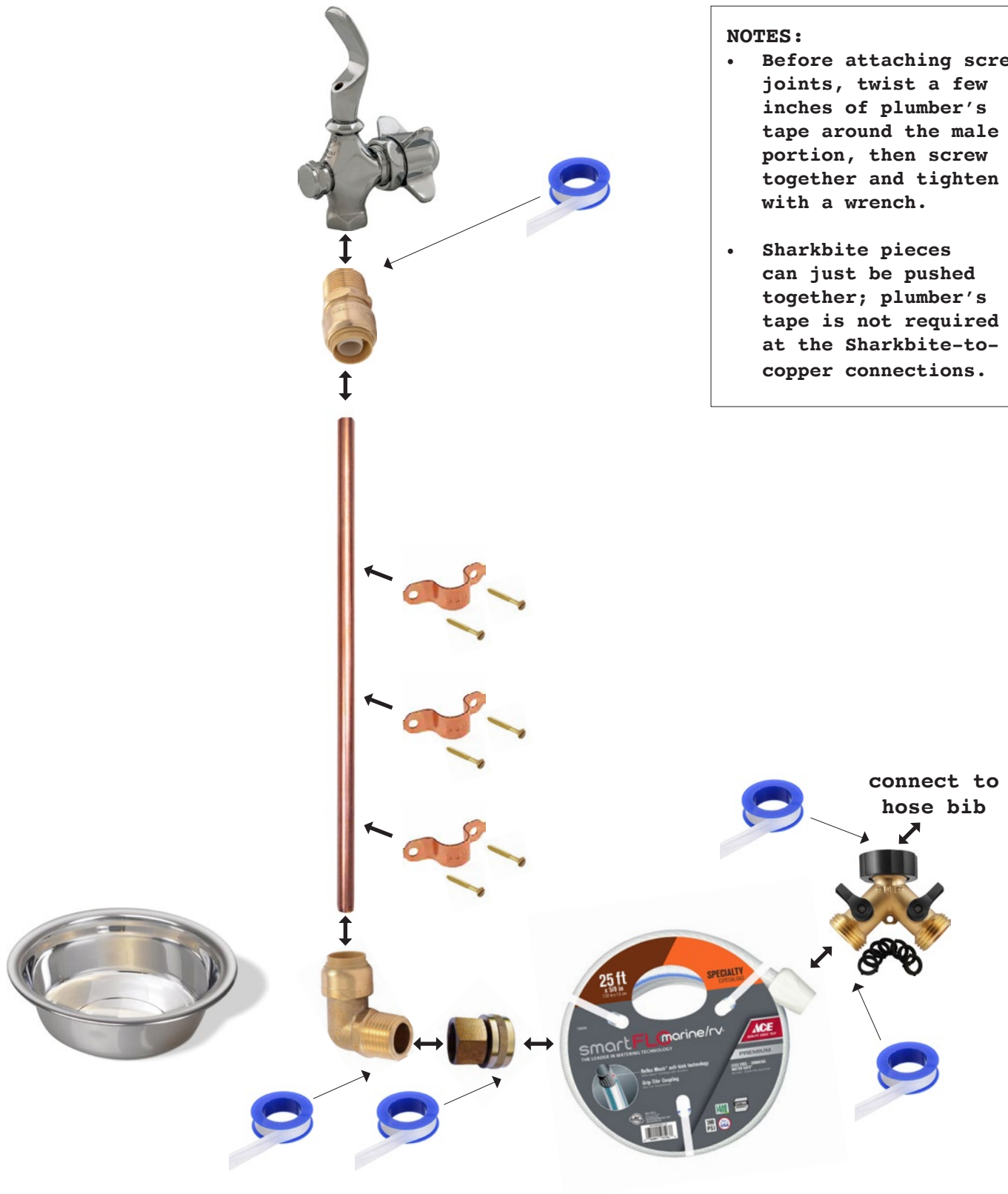
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### ASSEMBLE THE FOUNTAIN:

Starting from the faucet, connect the pieces.

#### NOTES:

- Before attaching screw joints, twist a few inches of plumber's tape around the male portion, then screw together and tighten with a wrench.
- Sharkbite pieces can just be pushed together; plumber's tape is not required at the Sharkbite-to-copper connections.



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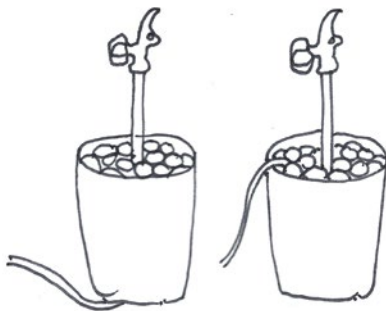
**PICK A LOCATION:**

- You will need something to attach your drinking fountain to for stability. It could be a post, fence, wall, handrail, stump, or other solid, stable object.
- The location should be publicly accessible to people passing by.
- The location should be in or adjacent to landscaping to absorb excess water flow. If no absorbent landscaping is available, you can use a large low container for drainage as shown below, Alternatively, a large bowl or trough could be used for an animal watering station, but you will need to monitor the water levels and cleanliness regularly to ensure that it doesn't overflow and that the water is fairly clean.

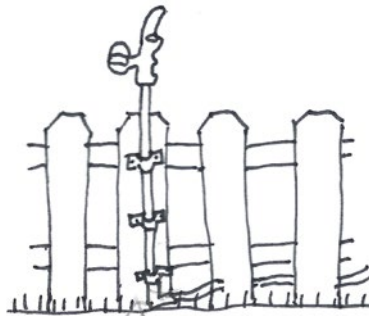
**SOME ATTACHMENT IDEAS:**



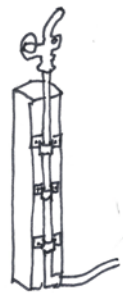
Large stable slice of tree trunk (doubles as a step stool for kids).



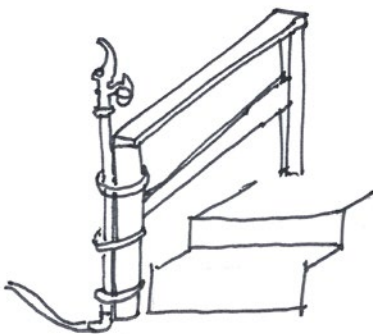
Large ceramic pot filled with rocks  
NOTE: if drainage hole is large enough, the hose can run out the bottom. If not, run it over the side, as shown on the right.



Existing fence or wall  
NOTE: you will need about 6" of clearance to turn the fountain handle. If the fence or wall is as tall or taller than the fountain, attach a wood post first to serve as a spacer, then attach the fountain to the post.



Wood post set in concrete  
BONUS: decorate the post with paint or tiles.

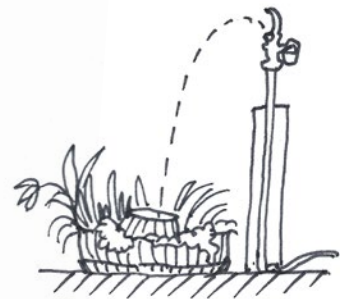


Existing handrail or post (secure with zip ties if metal).

**SOME DRAINAGE IDEAS:**



Drain to dog bowl in landscaping.



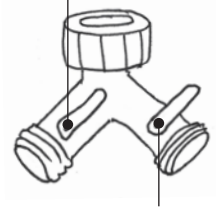
Drain to a large planted pot with dog bowl in the center.

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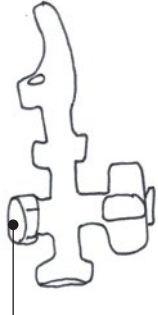
#### ADJUST AND ACCESSORIZE:

- Turn on the water at the hosebib. Ensure that the drinking fountain side of the hose bib splitter is open (oriented parallel to the pipe, as shown at right). You will leave the water turned on for the whole life of the fountain, with the exception of freezes (shut off the water if temperatures drop below 32 degrees Fahrenheit).
- Test the water flow from the fountain and adjust the fountain arc if needed by twisting the adjustment knob with a wrench (see illustration at right).
- Place the dog bowl in the correct location to catch the water when it falls.
- Run the water for a few minutes to rinse all the component pieces.
- Consider adding other accessories, such as a stepping stool, nearby sculptures, or solar-powered lighting.

Valve parallel to pipe = OPEN



Valve perpendicular to pipe = CLOSED



Adjustment knob

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#### REGISTER YOUR FOUNTAIN AT

[www.neighborhooddrinkingfountain.org](http://www.neighborhooddrinkingfountain.org).

Following your registration, you will receive a complimentary plaque that you can attach on or near your fountain identifying it as a neighborhood drinking fountain and telling your neighbors that the water is safe and free to drink.

We're so glad you are part of our network of water-loving, community-minded neighbors!

