Over the years, we’ve received a number of helpful tips from customers who were installing our trampolines that made the set up and installation process significantly easier. Here are a few tips that we fully endorse that you might find especially helpful. We strongly encourage you to read these over BEFORE unpacking your trampoline and during installation. They may save you a lot of time and frustration.

**Putting the frame together:**
One part of assembly where people often have difficulty is during frame assembly. It is very important that extra care be taken when assembling the frame because a mistake at this stage will likely require uninstalling much of the trampoline and restarting the process. It is extremely important that you ensure that the frame is properly nesting in the saddle of each of the center posts before Step 13. If one of the center posts is not properly installed, the frame integrity will be compromised and you will be forced to uninstall the mat rods before resetting the center post. Before moving to Step 14, stop and double check again that the center posts are correctly installed.

**Setting the net around the frame:**
When you get to Step 8 and 9, you need to be extra careful that you don’t install the net inside out. When placing the net around the frame, it is helpful to imagine how it will look once it is fully assembled - the net on the tub under the door and the pockets at the top of the net should be facing out once the net is up. If you lay the net around the frame with this perspective in mind, it will be much easier. Then, after inserting the first couple of rods through the net into the frame, it is a good idea to try lifting the strip up and onto the frame, i.e. not inside out. This will make it much easier to lift the net into the frame, and it will be much easier to slide the rest of the rods into the net.

**Installing the rods – following a different sequence:**
Depending on the version of manual you have, you may need to take a different approach to Step 12. If you have version 1.1, just follow the instructions as outlined. If you have version 1.0, Step 12 asks that you install every fifth rod after the “1st Rod Position.” While following this sequence does work, it requires much less effort if you do the following:

1. Choose a rod in a mat edge socket along a straight section with the sticker “1st rod position.” Connect the ball end of this rod to the mat edge socket in the mat marked with a label “1st rod position” (Figure 1).
2. Working from right to left, count five empty mat edge sockets in the edge of the mat. Mount the sixth. Continue from right to left around the mat to the next “1st rod position.” (located in the center of the next straight section) and from there count five empty mat edge sockets and then mount the sixth. Repeat for the remaining “1st rod positions.”

3. Next, working from the attached rod to the left of the original “1st rod position” (the second rod you attached), count seven empty mat edge sockets. Mount the eighth. Continue around the trampoline from right to left mounting the eighth rod after the next three attached rods. You should now have 9 attached mat rods (Figure 3).
4. Now, locate the remaining 3 mat rods with the sticker “1st rod position” and connect them to the corresponding mat edge socket (Figure 4).
5. Next, install one more rod to the left of each group, while circling the trampoline. Continue to circle around the trampoline installing one rod per group until all rods are connected.

**Installing the rods – how to get the rods into the mat edge sockets:**
Use the correct technique to insert the rods, use your body weight to apply tension to the rods not muscle strength. Push the rod in with your right hand, palm facing up, and with your elbow tucked in against your right hip, while holding the mat edge socket level with the left hand. With your left foot forward, lean the weight of your torso against the rod to bend it into position. This method uses your body weight to flex the rods (rather than pure arm strength), and it also keeps your face away from the loaded rods.

**Pulling the net up over the mat after the rods are installed:**
When you come to Step 15, you may find that it is quite difficult to slide the enclosure up over the mat. However, if you start in one corner and gently work the top edge of the net up and over the rods and mat, the rest of the enclosure should slide up relatively easily. The first corner of the enclosure may be fairly tight but if you ease it up from one end of the curved section to the other it should pop up over the edge. Be very careful that the net is not snagged on any of the bolts or enclosure rod sockets – if the net catches, it could result in a hole.