

UCSC Fog Catcher Maintenance Instructions

These are the things to check on monthly or sooner if you suspect damage.

1. Tighten the turnbuckles to keep the collector cables nice and taut.
 - a. If you run out of turnbuckle thread (can't tighten it anymore), you must loosen the cable clamps and pull the cables tight, then retighten the cable clamps. You also must unscrew the turnbuckles nearly all the way before retightening the cable clamps.
2. Tighten the bolts holding the bamboo poles to the garden bed (gently to prevent cracking the bamboo).
3. Check bamboo for cracking length-ways. Tighten the fissure with a hose clamp.
4. Inspect the mesh for tearing.

Remember: if a severe windstorm is forecast, please unhook the mesh from the frame on 3 sides (or remove it completely).