

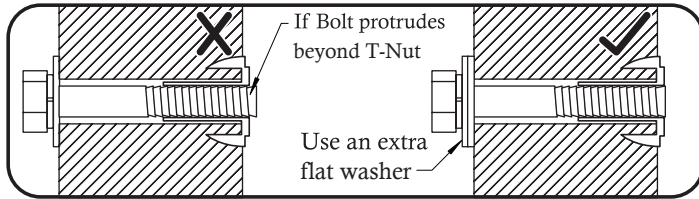
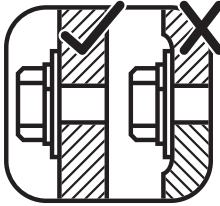
Instructions for Proper Maintenance

Your KidKraft Play System is designed and constructed of quality materials with your child's safety in mind. As with all outdoor products used by children, it will weather and wear. To maximize the enjoyment, safety and life of your Play Set, it is important that you, the owner, properly maintain it.

Check the following at the beginning of the play season:

HARDWARE:

- ✓ Check metal parts for rust. If found, sand and repaint using a non-lead paint complying with 16 CFR 1303.
- ✓ Inspect and tighten all hardware. On wood assemblies **DO NOT OVER-TIGHTEN** as to cause crushing and splintering of wood.
- ✓ Check for sharp edges or protruding screw threads, add washers if required.



SHOCK ABSORBING SURFACING:

- ✓ Check for foreign objects. Rake and check depth of loose fill protective surfacing materials to prevent compaction and maintain appropriate depth. Replace as necessary. (See Protective Surfacing, page 3)

GROUND STAKES (ANCHORS):

- ✓ Check for looseness, damage or deterioration. Should firmly anchor unit to ground during use. Re-secure and or replace, if necessary.

SWING HANGERS:

- ✓ Check that bolts are secure and tight. Quick clips should be completely closed and threaded clips screwed tight.
- ✓ If squeaking occurs lubricate bushings with oil or WD-40®.

SWINGS, ROPES AND RIDES:

- ✓ Reinstall if removed during cold season. Check all moving parts including swing seats, ropes, chains and attachments for wear, rust and other deterioration. Replace as needed.
- ✓ Check that ropes are tight, secure at both ends and cannot loop back as to create an entrapment.

WOOD PARTS:

- ✓ Check all wood members for deterioration, structural damage and splintering. Sand down splinters and replace deteriorated wood members. As with all wood, some checking and small cracks in grain is normal.
- ✓ Applying a water repellent or stain (water-based) on a yearly basis is important maintenance to maintain maximum life and performance of the product.

Check twice a month during play season:

HARDWARE:

- ✓ Inspect for tightness. Must be firmly against, but not crushing the wood. **DO NOT OVER-TIGHTEN.** This will cause splintering of wood.
- ✓ Check for sharp edges or protruding screw threads. Add washers if required.

SHOCK ABSORBING SURFACING:

- ✓ Rake and check depth of loose fill protective surfacing materials to prevent compaction and maintain appropriate depth. Replace as necessary. (See Protective Surfacing, page 3)

Check once a month during play season:

SWING HANGERS:

- ✓ Check that they are secure and orientated correctly. Hook should rotate freely and perpendicular to support beam.
- ✓ If squeaking occurs lubricate bushings with oil or WD-40®.

SWINGS AND RIDES:

- ✓ Check swing seats, all ropes, chains and attachments for fraying, wear, excessive corrosion or damage. Replace if structurally damaged or deteriorated.

Check at the end of the play season:

SWINGS AND RIDES:

- ✓ To prolong their life, remove swings and store inside when outside temperature is below 32°F/0°C. Below freezing, plastic parts may become more brittle.

SHOCK ABSORBING SURFACING:

- ✓ Rake and check depth of loose fill protective surfacing materials to prevent compaction and maintain appropriate depth. Replace as necessary. (See Protective Surfacing, page 3)

If you dispose of your play set: Please disassemble and dispose of your unit so that it does not create any unreasonable hazards at the time it is discarded. Be sure to follow your local waste ordinances.

About Our Wood

KidKraft Premium Play Systems uses only premium playset lumber, ensuring the safest product for your children's use. Although we take great care in selecting the best quality lumber available, wood is still a product of nature and susceptible to weathering which can change the appearance of your set.

What causes weathering? Does it affect the strength of my Play System?

One of the main reasons for weathering is the effects of water (moisture); the moisture content of the wood at the surface is different than the interior of the wood. As the climate changes, moisture moves in or out of the wood, causing tension which can result in checking and or warping. You can expect the following due to weathering. These changes will not affect the strength of the product:

1. **Checking** is surface cracks in the wood along the grain. A post 4" x 4" (101mm x 101mm) will experience more checking than a board 1" x 4" (25mm x 101mm) because the surface and interior moisture content will vary more widely than in thinner wood.
2. **Warping** results from any distortion (twisting, cupping) from the original plane of the board and often happens from rapid wetting and drying of the wood.
3. **Fading** happens as a natural change in the wood color as it is exposed to sun-light and will turn a grey over time.

How can I reduce the amount of weathering to my Play System?

At the factory we have coated the wood with a water repellent or stain. This coating decreases the amount of water absorption during rain or snow thus decreasing the tension in the wood. Sunlight will break down the coating, so we recommend applying a water repellent or stain on a yearly basis (see your local stain and paint supplier for a recommended product).

Most weathering is just the normal result of nature and will not affect safe play and enjoyment for your child. However if you are concerned that a part has experienced a severe weathering problem please call our consumer relations department for further assistance.

Complete and mail registration card to receive important product notifications and assure prompt warranty service.