

# Owner's Manual Play Set

**Please refer to the Assembly section of the Assembly Manual for Maximum Fall Height.**

## **Positioning Your Playcenter**

1. The Playcenter is designed to be installed on a level surface **by an Adult with an Adult helper**. Place in a flat area of your yard to minimize ground preparation.
2. Choose a level location for the equipment. This can reduce the likelihood of the play set tipping over and loose-fill surfacing material washing away during heavy rains.
3. Place the equipment not less than **6 ft (1.8 m)** from any structure or obstruction such as a fence, garage, house, overhanging branches, laundry lines, or electrical wires.
4. Provide enough room so that the children can use the equipment safely. For example, for structures with multiple play activities, a slide should not exit in front of a swing.
5. It is a good idea to place your Playcenter in an area that is convenient for adults to watch children at play.
6. Create a site free of obstacles that could cause injuries – such as low overhanging tree branches, overhead wires, tree stumps and/or roots, large rocks, bricks and concrete. Additional suggestions in the Suggested Playground Surfacing Section.
7. Do not build your playset on top of surfacing material.
8. Locate bare metal platforms and slides out of direct sunlight to reduce the likelihood of serious burns. A slide that faces north will receive the least direct sunlight.
9. Separate active and quiet activities from each other. For example, locate sandboxes away from swings or use a guardrail or barrier to separate the sandbox from the movement of the swings.

## **Suggested Playground Surfacing**

- ❑ Do not install home playground equipment over concrete, asphalt, packed earth, grass, carpet, or any other hard surface. A fall onto a hard surface can result in serious injury to the equipment user.
- ❑ Do not install loose fill surfacing over hard surfaces such as concrete or asphalt.
- ❑ Shredded bark mulch, wood chips, fine sand and fine gravel, are added as shock absorbing materials after assembly. If used properly these materials can absorb some of the impact of a child's fall.
- ❑ All surface material should extend a minimum of 6 feet in all directions around the play area.
- ❑ Do not apply playground surfacing until after the unit is completely constructed. Playset should not be built on top of surfacing.
- ❑ Use containment, such as digging out around the perimeter and/or lining the perimeter with landscape edging.
- ❑ Installations of rubber tiles or poured-in-place surfaces (other than loose-fill materials) generally require a professional and are not "do-it-yourself" projects.
- ❑ Shall use Playground Surfacing Materials (other than loose-fill material) which comply with the safety standard **ASTM F1292** Standard Specification of Impact Attenuation of Surfacing Materials within the Use Zone of Playground Equipment.

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The following chart explains the fall height in feet from which a life threatening head injury would not be expected

### Critical Heights in feet (m) of Tested Materials

Material	Uncompressed Depth			Compressed Depth
	6" (152mm)	9" (228mm)	12" (304mm)	to 9" (228mm)
Wood Chips	7' (2.13m)	10' (3.05m)	11' (3.35m)	10' (3.05m)
Double-Shredded bark mulch	6' (1.83m)	10' (3.05m)	11' (3.35m)	7' (2.13m)
Engineered Wood Fibers	6' (1.83m)	7' (2.13m)	>12' (3.66m)	6' (1.83m)
Fine Sand	5' (1.52m)	5' (1.52m)	9' (2.74m)	5' (1.52m)
Coarse Sand	5' (1.52m)	5' (1.52m)	6' (1.83m)	4' (1.22m)
Fine Gravel	5' (1.52m)	7' (2.13m)	10' (3.05m)	6' (1.83m)
Medium Gravel	5' (1.52m)	5' (1.52m)	6' (1.83m)	5' (1.52m)
Shredded Tires*	10-12' (3.0-3.6m)	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*This data is from tests conducted by independent testing laboratories on a 6-inch depth of uncompressed shredded tire samples produced by four manufacturers. The tests reported critical heights, which varied from 10 feet to greater than 12 feet. It is recommended that persons seeking to install shredded tires as a protective surface request test data from the supplier showing the critical height of the material when it was tested in accordance with ASTM F1292.

### Operating Instructions:



**NOTE:** Your children's safety is our #1 concern. Observing the following statements and warnings reduces the likelihood of serious or fatal injury. Please review these safety rules regularly with your children.

1. This Playcenter is designed for specific number of occupants whose combined weight **should not exceed** a designated weight on the elevated floor or the swing area, the total Unit capacity is outlined in the Basic Setup Dimensions section of instruction manual. The maximum fall height and recommended play area is also available in the Basic Setup Dimensions section of the manual for the specific unit.
2. On-site adult supervision is **required**.
3. Instruct children **not** to walk close to, in front of, behind, or between moving swings or other moving playground equipment.
4. Instruct children to sit in and **never** stand on swings
5. Instruct children **not** to twist the chains and ropes and not to loop them over the top support bar, since this may reduce the strength of the chain or rope.
6. Instruct children **not** to jump from swings or other playground equipment in motion.
7. Instruct children to **not to push** empty seats. The seat may hit them and cause serious injury.
8. Instruct and teach children to sit in the center of the swings with their full weight on the seats.
9. Instruct children **not** to use the equipment in a manner other than intended.
10. Instruct children to **always** go down slides feet first. Never slide head first.
11. Instruct children to **look** before they slide to make sure no one is at the bottom.
12. Instruct children to **never** run up a slide, as this increases their chances of falling.
13. The parents should **dress children appropriately**. (Examples would include the use of well-fitting shoes and the avoidance of ponchos, scarfs, and other loose-fitting clothing that is potentially hazardous while using equipment).
14. Instruct children **not** to climb when the equipment is wet.
15. Instruct children to **never** jump from a fort deck. They should always use the ladder, ramp or slide.
16. Instruct children to **never** crawl or walk across the top of monkey bars.
17. Instruct children to **never** crawl on top of a fort roof.

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18. Verify that any suspended climbing ropes, chain, or cable are secured at both ends and that they cannot be looped back on it.
19. Instruct children **not** to attach items to the playground equipment that are not specifically designed for use with the equipment, such as, but not limited to, jump ropes, clothesline, pet leashes, cables and chain as they may cause a strangulation hazard.
20. Instruct children to **never** wrap their legs around swing chain.
21. Instruct children to **never** slide down the swing chain.
22. Instruct children to remove their bike or other sports helmet before playing on playground equipment.

### **Maintenance Instructions:**

#### **At the beginning of each play season:**

- Tighten all hardware.
- Lubricate all metallic moving parts per manufacturer's instructions.
- Check all protective coverings on bolts, pipes, edges, and corners. Replace if they are loose, cracked, or missing.
- Check all moving parts including swing seats, ropes, cables, and chains for wear, rust, or other deterioration. Replace as needed.
- Check metal parts for rust. If found, sand and repaint using a non Lead-based paint meeting the requirements of **16 CFR 1303**.
- Check all wood members for deterioration and splinters. Sand down splinters and replace deteriorating wood members.
- Reinstall any plastic parts, such as swing seats or any other items that were removed for the cold season.
- Rake and check depth of loose fill protective surfacing materials to prevent compaction and to maintain appropriate depth. Replace as necessary.

#### **Twice a month during play season:**

- Tighten all hardware.
- Check all protective coverings on bolts, pipes, edges, & corners. Replace if they are loose, cracked, or missing.
- Rake and check depth of loose fill protective surfacing materials to prevent compaction and to maintain appropriate depth. Replace as necessary.
- Once a month during play season.
- Lubricate all metallic moving parts per manufacturer's instructions.
- Check all moving parts including swing seats, ropes, cables, and chains for wear, rust, or other deterioration. Replace as needed.

#### **At the end of each play season or when the temperature drops below 32° F:**

- Remove plastic swing seats and other items as specified by the manufacturer and take indoors or do not use.
- Rake and check depth of loose fill protective surfacing materials to prevent compaction and to maintain appropriate depth. Replace as necessary.

**Owners shall be responsible for maintaining the legibility of the warning labels.**

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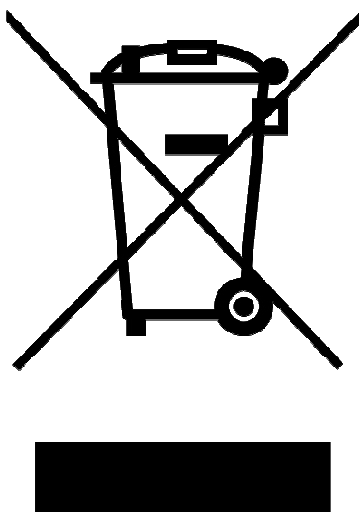
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### **Additional Maintenance:**

- Check the swing beam and hardware every two weeks due to wood expansion and contraction. It is particularly important that this procedure be followed at the beginning of each season.
- Inspect wood parts monthly. The grain of the wood sometimes will lift in the dry season causing splinters to appear. Light sand may be necessary to maintain a safe playing environment. Treat your playset with stain regularly, to help prevent severe checking/splitting and other weather damage.
- A waterbourne transparent stain has been applied to your playset. This is done for color only. Once or twice a year, depending on your climate conditions, you must apply some type of protection (sealant) to the wood of your unit. Prior to the application of sealant, lightly sand any "rough" spots on your playset. **Please note this is a requirement of your warranty.**
- Assembling and maintaining the playset on a level location is very important. As your children play, your playset will slowly dig its way into the soil, and it is very important that it settles evenly. Make sure the playset is level and true one each year or at the beginning of each play season.

### **Disposal Instructions:**

When the Playcenter use is no longer desired, it should be disassembled and disposed of in such a way that no unreasonable hazards will exist at the time the unit is discarded.



### **Third Party Assembly:**

Customer may, in their sole discretion, elect to use a third party person or service to assemble this product. Backyard Discovery assumes no responsibility or liability for any charge incurred by the Customer for any assembly services'.

Please see our warranty for more information about damaged and missing part replacement coverage. Backyard Discovery will not reimburse Customer for the price of parts purchased.