



IT IS IMPORTANT TO CHECK AND TIGHTEN ALL HARDWARE AT THE BEGINNING AND DURING THE SEASON AS THEY MAY LOOSEN DUE TO WOOD EXPANSION AND CONTRACTION.

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

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Once a month during play season.

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- 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 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.

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 waterborne 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.
- Modifications made by the consumer to the original activity toy shall be carried out according to the instructions of the manufacturer. In particular, instructions shall be provided with kit/accessory about the installation of rope/nets concerning the minimum diameter, the need for fixation ends, overall length, and positioning in relation to other at both structures.

OWNERS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE LEGIBILITY OF THE WARNING LABELS



Your Backyard Discovery structure is designed and constructed of quality materials. As with all outdoor products it will weather and wear. To maximize the enjoyment, safety and life of your structure it is important that you properly maintain it.

About Our Wood

Backyard Discovery takes 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 product?

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") will experience more checking than a board (1" x 4") 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 grey over time.

How can I reduce the amount of weathering to wood product?

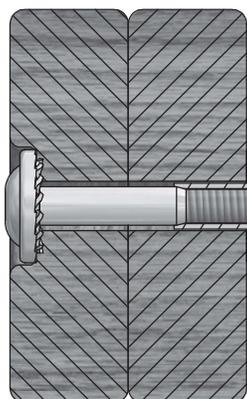
1. Your wood product is coated with a water-based stain. Sunlight will break down the coating, so we recommend applying a water repellent or stain on a yearly basis (see your local stain and paint supplier for a recommended product). You must apply some type of protection (sealant) to the wood of your product. **Please note this is a requirement of your warranty.** Most weathering is just the normal result of nature and will not affect safety. However if you are concerned that a part has experienced a severe weathering problem please call our customer service department for further assistance.

2. Inspect wood parts monthly. The grain of the wood sometimes will lift in the dry season causing splinters to appear. Light sanding may be necessary to maintain a safe environment. Treating your Product with protection (sealant) after sanding will help prevent severe checking/splitting and other weather damage.



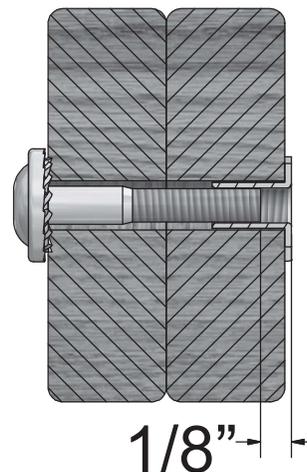
Protrusion Hazard

Incorrect



If you see exposed threads and your bolt protrudes beyond the T-Nut you may have over tightened the bolt or used incorrect hardware. If you've overtightened, remove the bolt and add washers to eliminate the protrusion.

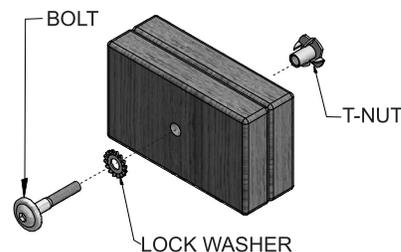
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Proper Hardware Assembly

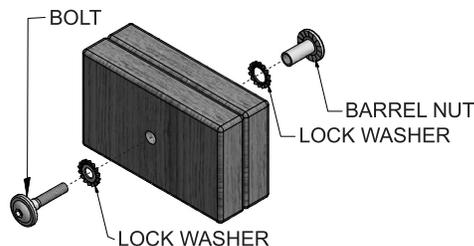
Bolt and T-Nut Assembly

Tap T-nut into the provided hole. Insert your bolt through the lock washer and insert into the provided hole opposite from the T-Nut. Turn clockwise to thread into T-nut. Do not completely tighten until instructed.



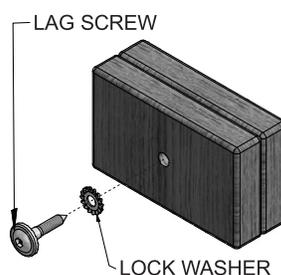
Bolt and Barrel Nut Assembly

Insert barrel nut through the lock washer and press the pair through the provided hole. Insert your bolt through the second lock washer and insert the pair into the provided hole opposite from the barrel nut. Turn clockwise to thread into the barrel nut. Do not completely tighten until instructed.



Lag Assembly

Normally there will be a pre-drilled pilot hole on assemblies that require a Lag Screw. If there is no pilot hole, line up the two boards as they are to be attached and use the factory drilled hole as a guide to drill another pilot hole into the adjoining board. This will keep the wood from splitting. Only a lock washer is required for steps with Lag Screws.





ASSEMBLY TIP:

Keep an eye out for these boxes which will contain helpful pictures and information making the assembly process as quick and painless as possible.

Sorting Wood



When removing the wood from the boxes we recommend arranging them by part number before you begin assembly. This will allow for faster assembly and easily identify any parts that may be missing or damaged.

Sorting Hardware

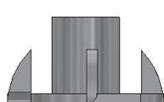
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WASHER FLAT
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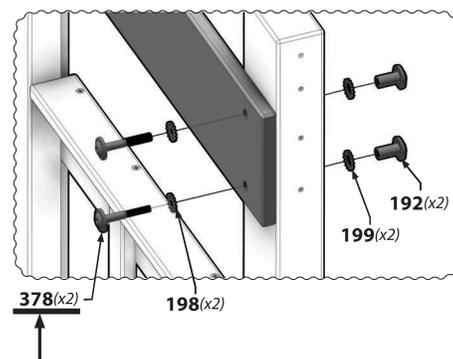
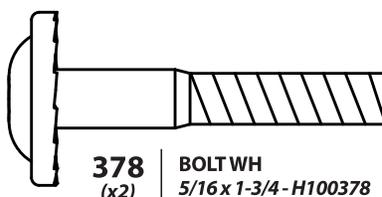
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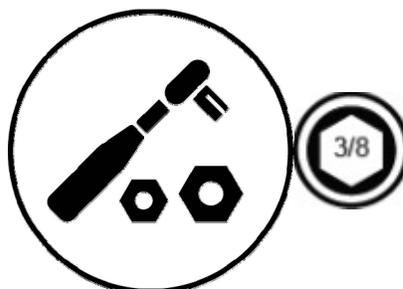
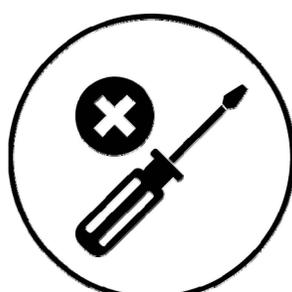
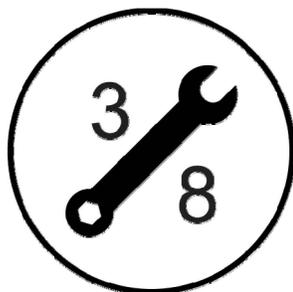
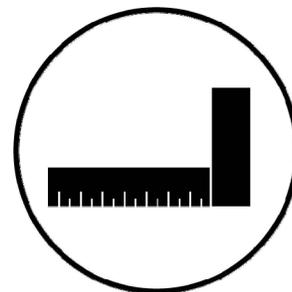


To help with assembly we recommend sorting your hardware bags with the seven digit alpha-numeric number printed on the bags or by hardware type (i.e. bolts, nuts, etc.). Organizing your hardware will make assembly easier.

Hardware Identification

Hardware bags are printed with a seven digit alpha-numeric part number. During assembly you only need to reference the last three digits of the part number as noted in each step. This will make finding the correct hardware easier.





Icons and their uses you will see throughout this manual



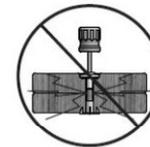
You will need to make sure that your assembly is square before tightening your bolts.



When you see this icon you will need a socket wrench. The icons below show the size of attachments needed for assembly 1/2.



For proper assembly you will need to ensure that your structure is level before proceeding to the next step.



This icon warns you to not over tighten your bolts. This is to prevent structural damage and also splintering your wood.



Some steps in the assembly process will require an extra set of hands. Make sure you have a helper available.



A ladder will be needed for assembly. Do NOT stand on the set when it is incomplete, unstable, and not anchored. Failure to do so may result in injury.



This icon shows the size of an open ended wrench. Using the wrench as the fraction bar.



This icon will show you what drill attachments are needed. For this example you will need a Phillips head attachment and 3/8 drill bit.





Place the set on level ground, not less than 6'-7" [2 m] from any structure or obstruction such as a fence, garage, house, overhanging branches, laundry lines, or electrical wires.

- While assembling unit, take time before and after each phase to make sure fort is level. If fort is not level, assembly will be difficult and improper assembly may result. Extra care must be taken to insure the fort is square.
- The safe play area refers to a zone extending 6'-7" (2 m) beyond the play product on all sides, including the space above the play product.

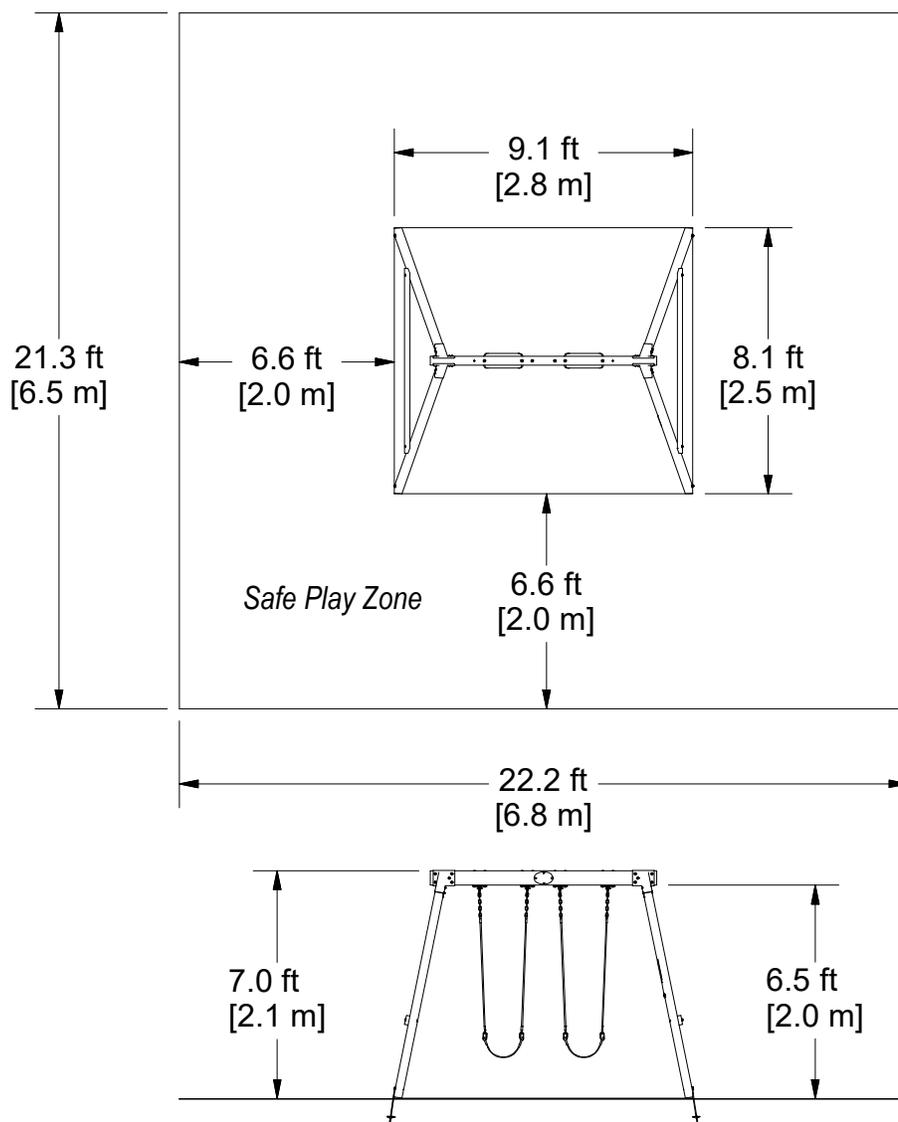
SAFE PLAY AREA DIAGRAM

Ground Dimension

9.1 ft [2.8m] x 8.1 ft [2.5m]

Safe Play Area

22.2 ft [6.8m] x 21.3 ft [6.5m]



SAFE PLAY HEIGHT: 13.5 ft [4.1 m]
MAXIMUM FALL HEIGHT: 6.5 ft [2.0m]

General Information:

Your set has been designed and engineered for children only and for residential use only.
 A maximum of 150 lbs. per child is recommended for play activities designed for individual use.
 A maximum of 120 lbs. per child is recommended for play activities designed for multiple child use.
 A maximum of 2 children is recommended for this swing set.