

PLAYSET MAINTENANCE

Cosmetic defects that do not affect the structural integrity of the product, or natural defects of wood such as warping, splitting, checking, twisting, shrinkage, swelling or any other physical properties of wood that do not present a safety hazard, are not covered by our warranty.

To help minimize these natural defects we recommend applying a sealer or stain every two or three years, or more often as the climate dictates. Power washing, sanding or other preparatory methods should be used prior to sealing or staining.

Periodic maintenance is required to ensure safe enjoyment of your playset and accessories. Read and follow the Playset Checklist below to reduce the likelihood of serious or fatal injury. Use the checklists as a guide for proper playset care and maintenance.

PLAYSET CHECKLIST

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 nonleaded-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, and 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 10°F:

- ☐ Remove plastic swing seats, tents, sandbox cover, tire swing, slide 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.
- ☐ Owner shall be responsible for maintaining the legibility of warning labels.

When you are ready to dispose of your playset, make sure that all metal, plastic and wood components are disposed of in accordance with local waste ordinances.

Buyer and/or owner should disassemble and dispose of the playground equipment in such a way that no unreasonable hazards will exist at the time the swing set is discarded. Do not burn your playset's preserved wood.

For further information on playground safety, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) publishes the Outdoor Home Playground Safety Handbook which can be downloaded for free from www.cpsc.gov. An additional resource is the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Home Playground Equipment (ASTM F1148) which can be purchased and downloaded from www.astm.org.