

# PROPER USE AND CARE

#### PROTECT AGAINST WATER

The Rustica Series buildings from myBackyardStudios™ include high quality siding and trim, treated to resist damage from moisture and insects. We've applied quality Behr paint to these surfaces for more protection. However, the building owner should take steps to avoid excess water being directed toward the studio. This includes sprinkler/irrigation systems and water runoff from another structure. Don't allow sprinklers to spray water directly on the studio, or another building's roof line or downspout to direct water onto the studio. We recommend that the building's siding and trim surfaces be cleaned periodically with a broom or low pressure hose. We recommend repainting the studio every 5-10 years depending on the environment. Check caulk joints annually.

## **INSPECT YOUR ROOF SYSTEM REGULARLY**

The Rustica Series buildings from myBackyardStudios™ include high performance Pro-Rib steel roofing panels with superior hail resistance (class 4) and class A fire rated. Regularly inspect the roof to ensure that it isn't leaking and hasn't sustained any damage. If you notice a damaged of leaking roof, repair the roof promptly. If the matter is a warranty issue, contact myBackyardStudios™. If the matter is from fire, flood, water, earthquake, earth movement, hail, wind, adverse weather conditions, vandalism, theft, act of God accident or other event which is customarily covered by homeowners' insurance, report the damage to your insurance company and promptly schedule a repair.

#### **MOVING PARTS**

Keep foreign objects from obstructing the regular operation of doors and windows. Keep the interior window track clean and free of debris. Repair damaged window panes promptly. Changes in seasons can cause the door to swell slightly. The studio is designed to limit this effect, but it may be necessary to adjust the strike plate or door handle in severe cases. Additionally, because of their weight, studios can settle over time. This can cause the door to go out of alignment. If this issue is minor, the homeowners can adjust the strike plate on the door so that it continues to catch properly. If the studio settling is severe, releveling the studio will be necessary. Ground settling is not covered by warranty, but myBackyardStudios™ will provide a re-leveling service for a reasonable fee.

### **CREATE SOME SPACE AROUND THE STUDIO**

Don't store items directly against the studio. Plants, wood piles, debris, dirt backfill and other items can trap moisture against the studio. Trim tree branches, bushes and hedges so that they don't have direct contact with the siding.