



### **Playset Maintenance Checklist:**

Maintaining your playset is key to ensure your child is safe during play. Activity on your playset and optional accessories may loosen fasteners. Check all lock nuts, hex and lag bolts, quick clips, spring clips, acorn nuts, wood screws, and swing hangers for tightness and tighten as required. T-nuts should be inspected for full and proper seating into the wood.

This is caused by varying seasonal temperatures and moisture conditions. To minimize this checking and/or cracking, you may coat your playset with a water repellent.



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

- Tighten all playset 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 swings, 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
- Clean out your sandbox to make sure there are no hazardous debris or other items inside
- Rake and check depth of loose fill protective surfacing materials to prevent compaction and 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 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
  - Rake and check depth of loose fill protective surfacing materials to prevent compaction and maintain appropriate depth. Replace as necessary
  - 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
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- Buyer and/or owner should disassemble and dispose of the playset equipment in such a way that no unreasonable hazards will exist at the time the playset is discarded

Having a well maintained playset will ensure your children enjoy an entire season of worry-free adventure. Now, get out there and play!

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