

## **IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ**

Congratulations! You have just purchase one of the finest residential wooden swing sets available today. As with any wooden product that spends its entire life outside, in varying elements, it is important to know what to expect with your new swing set so that your family can enjoy it for many years.

As your swing set acclimates to its new environment, natural characteristics of the wood can show in the form of checks, or “cracks” in the lumber. In almost all cases this is normal and it will not affect the structural integrity of your play set and is not covered under warranty.

## **KEEPING YOUR PLAYSET LIKE NEW**

### **MUST DO’s**

**The following owner responsibilities are crucial to the safety, integrity and aesthetic appeal of your swing set and may affect the warranty if not adhered to.**

#### **WITHIN 60 DAYS**

- Check and tighten Hex Bolts/T-nuts, Carriage Bolts/Lock-nuts, and Lag Screws within the first 60 days and then twice annually – once before each season and then once during the season.

#### **WITHIN 90 DAYS**

- Apply a **sealant** or **semi-transparent stain with sealant** within the first 90 days of owning the swing set. If applicable state laws allow, an oil based product will penetrate and protect the lumber better than a water based product. Because climate conditions can vary drastically from region to region, we suggest asking the product covering specialists at any number of specialty paint stores or home improvement centers for a product that would work best for your local environment. \*\* TIP – while the set is new, take a small board from your swing set to the store with you so they can color match the tint of the stain or sealant. Be sure to replace the board when you get home.

#### **SEASONAL REMINDERS**

- If your area experiences regular snowfall, remove your fabric tarp/canopy to avoid stretching, sagging or tearing of the material. Store it inside, folded up, and it will be as good as new when winter is over.
- If your area experiences extremely cold temperatures, remove swing belts and other pliable features to prolong the lifespan of these play activities.

### **OTHER TIPS**

- Spray swing hangers with Pam, Mazola or olive oil to stop squeaking; do not use petroleum based products such as WD-40 or motor oil.
- To repel yellow jackets and wasps, use a cotton ball and dab interior wooden corners underneath the play set deck with a liquid dish soap. Avoid using insecticides.
- To speed up the slide wipe the center of slide with wax paper every 2 - 3 weeks.

For additional safety and maintenance guidelines, please visit our website.