



How to Maintain a Wood Swing Set

Activity on your wood swing set and optional accessories may loosen fasteners. That is why it's so important to properly maintain wood swing sets. 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 wood swing set with a water repellent.

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 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 swing set 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 maintain appropriate depth. Replace as necessary

When you are ready to dispose of your wood swing set, 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 backyard wood swing set equipment in such a way that no unreasonable hazards will exist at the time the swing set is discarded.

Hopefully, this maintenance guide helped you learn how to maintain swing sets. If you have any questions, feel free to [visit the Kids Creations website](#) or give us a call at 855-853-8556.