



WARNING

IT IS IMPORTANT TO CHECK AND TIGHTEN ALL HARDWARE AT THE BEGINNING AND DURING THE SEASON AS THEY MAY LOOSEN DUE TO WOOD EXPANSION AND CONTRACTION.

- **DO NOT climb or walk on the roof for any reason**
- **Requires two or more people to assemble safely**
- **Check for underground utilities before digging or driving stakes into the ground.**
- **Check carefully for overhead lines and ensure there is at least 6ft (2m) clearance from any overhead electrical wires.**
- **Permanent structures may require a building permit. As the purchaser and or installer of this product you are advised to consult local planning, zoning and building inspection departments for guidance on applicable building codes and/or zoning requirements.**
- Wood is NOT flame retardant and will burn. Grills, fire pits and chimineas are a fire hazard if place too close to your structure.
- Wear gloves to avoid injury during installation.
- During installation, follow all safety warnings provided with your tools and use safety glasses.
- Check all nuts and bolts twice monthly during the usage season and tighten as required.(But not so tight that you crack the wood) It is particularly important that this procedure be followed at the beginning of each season.
- Oil all metallic moving parts monthly during the usage period.
- Check all coverings for bolts and sharp edges twice monthly during usage season to be certain they are in place. Replace when necessary. It is especially important to do this at the beginning of each new season.
- For rusted areas on metallic members such as hinges, brackets, etc. sand and repaint, using a non lead-based paint meeting the requirements of Title 16 CRF Part 1303.
- Inspect wood parts monthly. The grain of the wood sometimes will lift in the dry season causing splinters to appear. Light sanding may be necessary to maintain a safe environment. Treating your Product with protection (sealant) after sanding will help prevent severe checking/splitting and other weather damage.
- We have applied a waterborne translucent stain to your unit. This is done for color only. Once or twice a year, depending on your climate conditions, you must apply some type of protection (sealant) to the wood of your unit. Prior to the application of sealant, lightly sand any "rough" spots on your set. Please note this is a requirement of your warranty.

OWNERS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE LEGIBILITY OF THE WARNING LABELS





Your Backyard Discovery structure is designed and constructed of quality materials. As with all outdoor products it will weather and wear. To maximize the enjoyment, safety and life of your structure it is important that you properly maintain it.

About Our Wood

Backyard Discovery uses 100% Nordic Spruce wood. Although we take great care in selecting the best quality lumber available, wood is still a product of nature and susceptible to weathering which can change the appearance of your set.

What causes weathering? Does it affect the strength of my product?

One of the main reasons for weathering is the effects of water (moisture); the moisture content of the wood at the surface is different than the interior of the wood. As the climate changes, moisture moves in or out of the wood, causing tension which can result in checking and or warping. You can expect the following due to weathering. These changes will not affect the strength of the product:

1. Checking is surface cracks in the wood along the grain. A post (4" x 4") will experience more checking than a board (1" x 4") because the surface and interior moisture content will vary more widely than in thinner wood.

2. Warping results from any distortion (twisting, cupping) from the original plane of the board and often happens from rapid wetting and drying of the wood.

3. Fading happens as a natural change in the wood color as it is exposed to sun-light and will turn grey over time.

How can I reduce the amount of weathering to wood product?

1. Your wood product is coated with a water-based stain. Sunlight will break down the coating, so we recommend applying a water repellent or stain on a yearly basis (see your local stain and paint supplier for a recommended product). You must apply some type of protection (sealant) to the wood of your product. **Please note this is a requirement of your warranty.** Most weathering is just the normal result of nature and will not affect safety. However if you are concerned that a part has experienced a severe weathering problem please call our customer service department for further assistance.

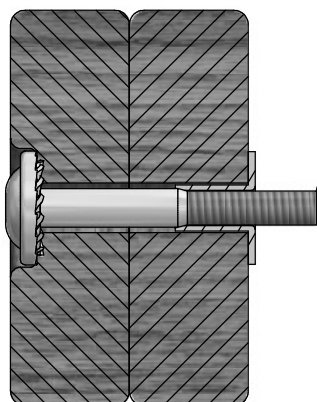
2. Inspect wood parts monthly. The grain of the wood sometimes will lift in the dry season causing splinters to appear. Light sanding may be necessary to maintain a safe environment. Treating your Product with protection (sealant) after sanding will help prevent severe checking/ splitting and other weather damage.





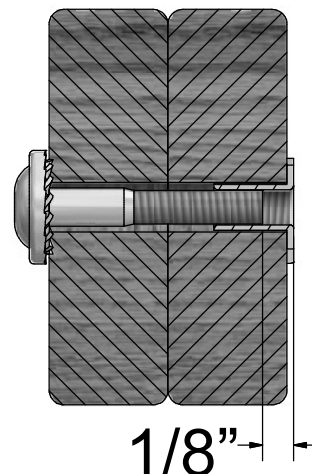
Protrusion Hazard

Incorrect



If you see exposed threads and your bolt protrudes beyond the T-Nut you may have over tightened the bolt or used incorrect hardware. If you've overtightened, remove the bolt and add washers to eliminate the protrusion.

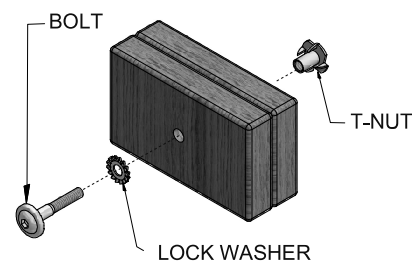
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Proper Hardware Assembly

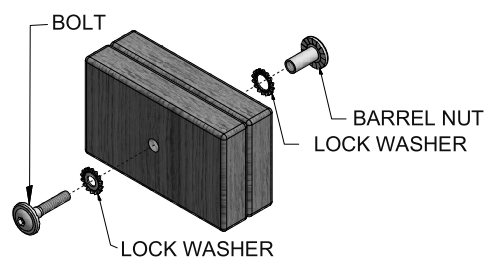
Bolt and T-Nut Assembly

Tap T-nut into the provided hole. Insert your bolt through the lock washer and insert into the provided hole opposite from the T-Nut. Turn clockwise to thread into T-nut. Do not completely tighten until instructed.



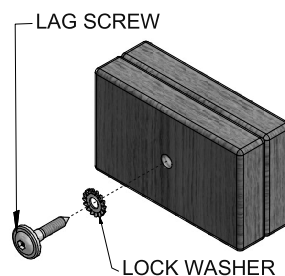
Bolt and Barrel Nut Assembly

Insert barrel nut through the lock washer and press the pair through the provided hole. Insert your bolt through the second lock washer and insert the pair into the provided hole opposite from the barrel nut. Turn clockwise to thread into the barrel nut. Do not completely tighten until instructed.



Lag Assembly

Normally there will be a pre-drilled pilot hole on assemblies that require a Lag Screw. If there is no pilot hole, line up the two boards as they are to be attached and use the factory drilled hole as a guide to drill another pilot hole into the adjoining board. This will keep the wood from splitting. Only a lock washer is required for steps with Lag Screws.





ASSEMBLY TIP:

Keep and eye out for these boxes which will contain helpful pictures and information making the assembly process as quick and painless as possible.

Sorting Wood



When removing the wood from the boxes we recommend arranging them by part number before you begin assembly. This will allow for faster assembly and easily identify any parts that may be missing or damaged.

Sorting Hardware

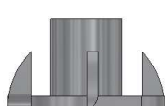
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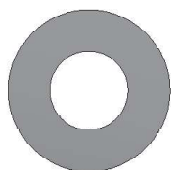
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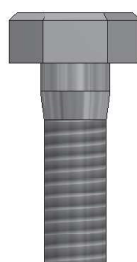
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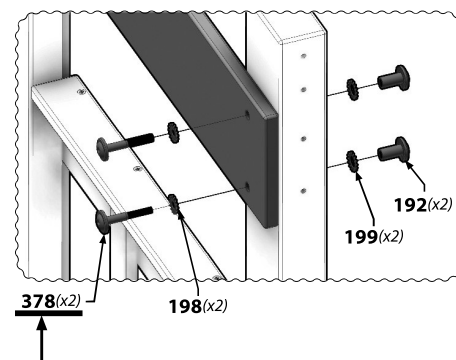
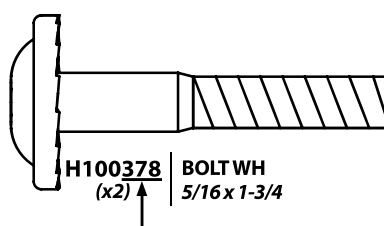
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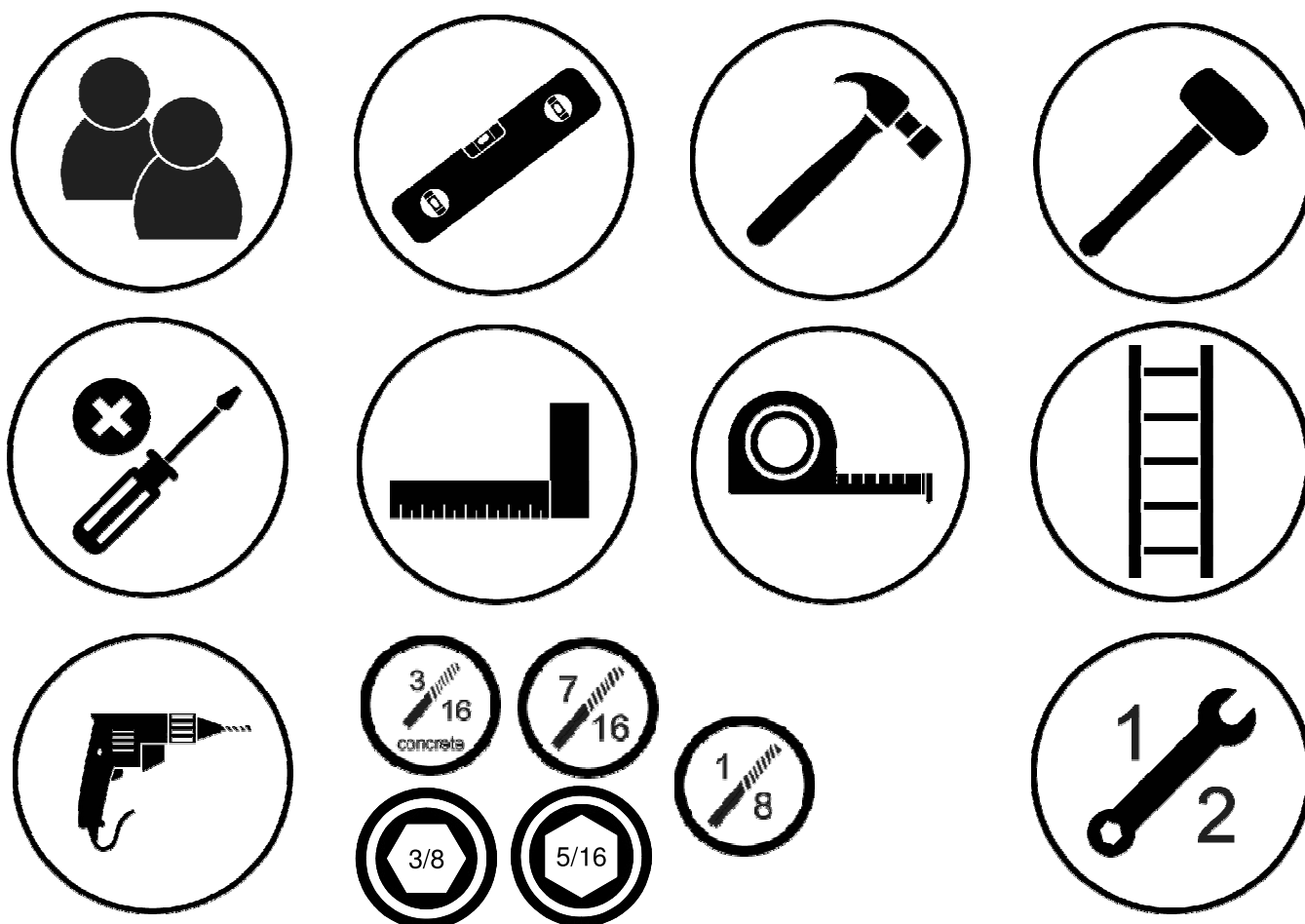


To help with assembly we recommend sorting your hardware bags with the seven digit alpha-numeric number printed on the bags or by hardware type (i.e. bolts, nuts, etc.). Organizing your hardware will make assembly easier.

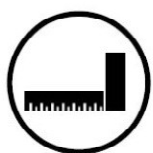
Hardware Identification

Hardware bags are printed with a seven digit alpha-numeric part number. During assembly you only need to reference the last three digits of the part number as noted in each step. This will make finding the correct hardware easier.





Icons and their uses you will see throughout this manual



You will need to make sure that your assembly is square before tightening your bolts.



For proper assembly you will need to ensure that your structure is level before proceeding to the next step.



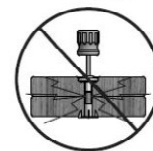
Some steps in the assembly process will require an extra set of hands. Make sure you have a helper available.



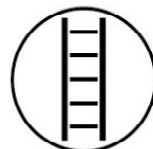
This icon shows the size of an open ended wrench. Using the wrench as the fraction bar.



When you see this icon you will need a socket wrench. The icons below show the size of attachments needed for assembly 1/2.



This icon warns you to not over tighten your bolts. This is to prevent structural damage and also splintering your wood.



A ladder will be needed for assembly. Do NOT stand on the set when it is incomplete, unstable, and not anchored. Failure to do so may result in injury.



This icon will show you what drill attachments are needed. For this example you will need a Phillips head attachment and 3/8 drill bit.



It is critically important that you start with square and level footings, concrete pad or deck to attach your structure

- Pay close attention to the items needed for each step. Make sure you are using the correct hardware for each step. Using incorrect hardware may result in improper assembly
- Remember to double check for underground utilities and overhead electrical lines

Post mounts are provided with your structure which allows you to permanently install your structure to a pre-existing or new wood or concrete surface.

- The hardware to attach the post mounts to the structure is included.
- The hardware to mount the structure permanently to a concrete surface is included.
- The hardware to mount the structure permanently to a wood deck is NOT included and will need to be purchased separately. You must ensure there is ample structural support under the deck before permanently attaching.

