

# PROPER CARE & MAINTENANCE

Your Tuff Shed Tahoe Series building is designed to provide years of service when properly maintained. Here are some helpful hints to keep you building in good working order.

## Protect Against Water

The siding and trim of your Tahoe Series shed is LP® SmartSide, which is treated to resist damage from moisture and insects. We've applied quality PPG paint to these surfaces for more protection. However, the building owner should take steps to avoid excess water being directed toward the shed. This includes sprinkler/irrigation systems and water run-off from another structure. Don't allow sprinklers to spray water directly on the shed, or another building's roof line or downspout to direct water onto the shed. We DO recommend that the building's siding and trim surfaces be cleaned periodically with a broom or low pressure hose.

## Keep that Paint Fresh

We recommend repainting your Tahoe Series building every five years to ensure that the siding and trim surfaces are protected from the elements.

## Inspect Your Roof System Regularly

The roof system of your Tahoe Series shed is comprised of 7/16" osb roof decking, topped with roofing felt moisture barrier and 25-Year 3-tab asphalt shingles from Owens Corning. Regularly inspect the roof system to ensure that it isn't leaking and hasn't sustained any damage. If you notice a damaged or leaking roof, repair the roof promptly. If the matter is a warranty issue, contact Tuff Shed. 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.

## Create Some Space Around Your Building

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

## Moving Parts (Doors, Windows)

Keep foreign objects from obstructing the regular operation of doors and windows. Keep the interior window track clean and window screens clean. Repair or replace damaged window panes and screens promptly.

Changes in seasons can cause the door to swell slightly. The Tuff Shed door is designed to limit this effect, but it may be necessary to adjust the strike plate or the door handle in severe cases. Additionally, because of their weight, sheds 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. To adjust the strike plate, use a #2 square bit and loosen the two fasteners, adjust the plate accordingly and then re-tighten. To adjust a door handle that is binding, slightly loosen the 9/16" nut on the inside handle. Do not remove the nut. This slight adjustment should free the handle spring and allow for easier use. If your Tahoe Series shed includes a double door, outside ground settling may cause the stationary door to not latch properly at the floor. Alleviate this problem by making the hole in the floor slightly larger to allow the spring loaded pin to fit.

If the building settling is severe, re-leveling the shed will be necessary. Ground settling is not covered by warranty, but Tuff Shed will provide re-leveling service for a reasonable fee.

## Let the Vents Do Their Work

Your Tahoe Series shed includes two wall vents to create airflow. The galvanized steel floor joists have vent holes to allow air to flow under the building. Do not cover, block or occlude any of these vents.

## Keep the Inside Clean

You'll enjoy your building much more if you keep the inside clean. Don't allow dirt or other organic debris to accumulate inside the building. Promptly clean up any spills.

