Shelter Maintenance

The nature of our shelters and site furnishing products is such that there isn't a need for constant upkeep and maintenance. Our products should be, for the most part, "maintenance free", requiring little or no maintenance for many years.

STEEL: We recommend that our steel framed shelter customers keep a watchful eye on the shelter as the weeks and months pass, periodically checking for tightness of bolts, paint scrapes from installation, scars or rust patches. Keep your touch up paint accessible for rust prevention. Remember small rust areas exposed through scratches and scrapes can, in time, increase greatly in size and become unsightly. See the following for better descriptions and procedures.

PAINT: During the assembly process some scrapes and scratches may have occurred. These will require touching up. Also, over time, normal use may create more scratches. Follow the standard paint procedures listed on any spray paint can. However, there is one very important thing to remember. Remove all loose paint, grease, oil and/or rust then, lightly sand surrounding paint for good adhesion.

HARDWARE: The majority of the hardware is hidden and cannot be adjusted. The hardware that is visible should be checked for tightness and for vandalism attempts at least twice a year. The standard tightness should be done by hand tightening the loose bolts and then using a wrench for ½ to 1 full turn.

WOOD: The majority of the wood that is included with your shelter is not exposed directly to the elements. Therefore, maintenance should be minimal. However, the T&G decking should be inspected three times a year to assure that no damage is being done by the weather. The wood that is exposed directly to the elements will be pressure treated or cedar. If desired, a protective coat of weather sealing stain or sealer can be applied. Follow the recommendations of the manufacturer in regards to quantity and frequency of application.

CLEANING: Use a MILD cleaning solution, and hand-wipe periodically to maintain "like new" appearance.