

## Use and Care:

Congratulations! You have purchased the best squirrel proof feeder. Please follow the use and care instructions below and your feeder will provide great wild bird viewing over the seasons.

## To Fill:

While pressing gently down on the lid, rotate the lid counter-clockwise a quarter turn (looking down) until it releases and can be lifted up on its hanger. Fill with black-oil sunflower or your favorite wild bird mix. For easier, spill-free filling, use #100 Tote\*. To close, simply replace the lid on top and gently twist the lid clockwise until it locks in place.

## Seed Storage:

Store your wild bird seed in a dry, critter-proof container.

## Adjusting your X Model:

### Squirrel Size Adjustment

Because squirrels in your area may vary in their weight, you may need to adjust your feeder's spring. Adjust your feeder by using the easy-to-use adjustment knob found on the base of your feeder. To increase spring tension (larger squirrels), rotate the knob clockwise, to reduce spring tension (smaller squirrels) rotate the knob counter-clockwise. The green tension indicator on the spring post moves up or down to indicate weight needed to close the feeding ports. More tension prevents all but the smallest birds to feed. The goal is to allow four birds to feed at the same time, while keeping a single squirrel from getting to the seed. Please note the tension is factory preset to protect against gray squirrels.

### Bird Size Adjustable Perches

Your feeder also has adjustable perches, which you can use to limit large birds having easy seed access. Simply push in the perch, which will allow only smaller songbirds to easily feed at your feeder or pull out to allow for larger birds.

## Hanging your X Model:

You should select a hanging location that provides the following:

- Select a location that provides easy viewing for both enjoyment of watching birds, and being able to see when your feeder requires refilling.
- Select a location that allows your birds to see & avoid predators that may be in the area.
- Hang where squirrels cannot easily reach the feeding ports.
- **For Desks/Patios:** Use the Stokes Select® #38074 Deck Hook\*
- **For Walls:** Use the Stokes Select® #38014 Multi-Position Wall Bracket\*
- **For Tree Branches:** Use Stokes Select® #38022 Branch Hook\*
- **For Lawns/Gardens:** Use the Stokes Select® #38128 Bird Feeder Pole\*

\*Sold separately.

## Cleaning your X Model:

For the health of your birds, you should clean your feeder about every two weeks (more often if you have a lot of birds on your feeder every day or you live in a rainy region of the country).

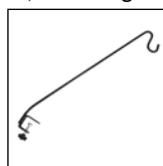
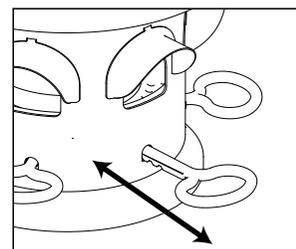
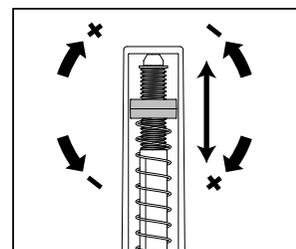
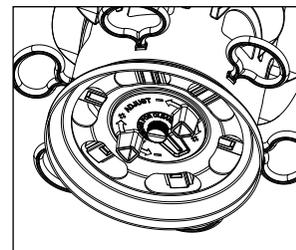
**To Clean:** First, disassemble your feeder for easier cleaning.

**Step 1:** Open the top lid of your feeder and remove the lid assembly by putting gentle pressure on the cross bar until it disengages from the tube.

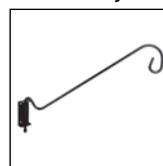
**Step 2:** Remove the base section of the feeder by removing the metal bolt (found on the center of the spring adjustment dial) by simply unscrewing it, counter-clockwise, with your fingers or a flat head screwdriver. **NOTE:** the screw will not completely remove from the base. It will stay attached to the base to avoid misplacing the small piece. You should now have your feeder in three sections: base with perches, seed tube and lid assembly.

**Step 3:** Prepare a tub with a warm solution of 1 part bleach to 9 parts water. Do not use solvents or abrasive cleaners as these may damage the feeder. Soak the three feeder sections in your tub for approximately 5 minutes. Use a cleaning brush (model Stokes Select® #38293 Brush Kit\*) to reach the hard to clean areas: Inside the tube, in and around the feeder ports and seed tube. Rinse thoroughly all the sections and allow to dry completely before re-assembling and refilling your feeder. Clean the ground below your feeder, to prevent a build-up of hulls, discarded seed and other waste.

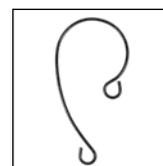
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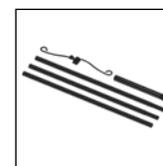
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