

## For Healthier Wild Birds

### Feeder Cleaning Tips - Wear rubber gloves while cleaning feeders

- Clean your feeder at least once a month. More often if you have flocks of birds at your feeder constantly.
- In most cases, simply wash your feeder with warm water. If extra cleaning is required, use a mix of 1 part bleach to 10 parts warm water. If no bleach is available, a mild dish washing detergent can be used. You can also use a cleaning brush such as the Stokes Model #38293 brush kit. Do not use steel wool or abrasive metal brushes as these can damage feeders.
- After cleaning, rinse thoroughly and make sure your clean feeder is completely dry before refilling with your favorite suet.
- Clean the area below your feeder. Remove old debris from underneath your feeder on a regular basis for a healthier feeder location.

### Bird Feeding Tips

**Feed your birds year-round:** Studies show birds are losing naturally occurring food sources, and will benefit from you feeding them all year long.

**Location:** At first, select a feeder location near a brush pile or shrubs to provide birds with a safer location (from predators) and a more natural feeding setting. Once birds have started feeding at your feeder, you can gradually move it to a desired viewing location. Remember to have some type of cover nearby for birds to hide from predators.

**Hanging Your Feeder:** Simply use a hanging hook-Stokes Model #38028 or deck hook Model #38074. Make sure whatever you hook your feeder to is strong to support the filled weight of the feeder.

**Storing seed:** Keep seed in a dry, steel container that has a locking lid (to keep critters out).

**Keeping Squirrels Away:** Squirrels are attracted to most types of bird seed. Block them from your feeders by using a Bird Feeder Pole set (Stokes Model #38128) and Squirrel Baffle (Stokes Model #38023). Or you can put out food for them that is easier to get to, rather than robbing your bird feeders.

## How to Fill or Clean Your Feeder

Open tube design makes feeder easy to clean.



Mount feeder to top of Stokes Select® Bird Feeder Pole with built-in pole socket.