

## UNPACKING HOT TUB

Important Note: If you see any damage to the crate or the hot tub upon arrival, do not accept the delivery.

Take photos of the damage and contact Tubby Hot Tubs immediately at info@soaknz.com.

#### Tools Needed:

- Pliers (or a similar tool)
- Several people (to lift the hot tub)

## UNPACKING PROCESS

- Safety First: Before you begin, ensure you have enough people to safely lift the hot tub. Be mindful of your back and knees when lifting.
- Inspect the Crate: Carefully examine the crate for any signs of damage during transport. Look for cracks, holes, or crushed wood.
- Locate Crate Clips: Identify the metal clips that hold the crate together. These will be on the sides and top of the crate.
- Unbend Clips: Using pliers or a similar tool, carefully bend the clips straight. Be cautious while doing this and keep your fingers clear to avoid pinching.
- Remove Crate Top & Sides: Once all the clips are straightened, you can remove the sides of the crate. The sides should slide out easily.
- Lifting the Hot Tub: Now that you have full access to the hot tub, carefully lift it out of the crate with the help of several people.
- Move to Desired Location: Carefully carry the hot tub to its final resting place. Make sure the path is clear and free of obstacles.

### RECOMMENDED FOUNDATIONS

To ensure a stable and long-lasting foundation for your hot tub, we suggest considering one of these three options:

#### 1. Concrete Pad:

- A solid concrete slab, at least 4 inches thick
- Proper curing time is crucial to prevent settling and cracking. Factors like concrete type, weather, and slab size influence curing time.

#### 2. Paving Blocks:

- A visually appealing and cost-effective option.
- Level the area with sand or gravel before installing pavers to avoid settling.
- A minimum 2-inch paver thickness is recommended.

#### 3. Crushed Gravel Pad:

- A guick and budget-friendly solution.
- A 4-inch or thicker layer of compacted gravel is necessary.
- Consider using a wooden frame to contain the gravel and prevent settling.

# unwind, recharge soak

# ASSEMBLING ASSESSORIES

- Assemble the Chimney: The chimney is seperated into two parts and there are four screws.
- Assemble the chimney sections. Attach the bottom section of the chimney and use the four screws to secure it to the fire box then attach the upper section of the chimney and use another four screws to secure it to the bottom section
- Unpack the Cover, Stairs & Stirrer: Remove them all from their packaging.
- Bung will be in place within the tub.
- You'll receive a hose fitting that can be attached to the hot tub's drain outlet. This allows you to connect a standard garden hose for easy draining.

# FILL THE TUB

To fill your hot tub, start by ensuring it's clean and free of debris.

Then, fill your tub from the garden hose. This will take approximately an hour to fill, depending on your pressure.

Fill the tub slowly and steadily, checking the water level regularly to ensure it's consistent. Once the tub is filled, cover it to help prevent debris from entering.

Ensure you fill your tub completely before lighting your firebox.

# LIGHT THE FIRE BOX

#### Safety First:

- Clear Surroundings: Ensure the area around the hot tub is clear of flammable materials, such as dry leaves, branches, or pets.
- Ventilation: Ensure adequate ventilation to prevent carbon monoxide buildup.
- Fire Extinguisher: Keep a fire extinguisher readily available.

#### Preparing the Fire Box:

- 1. Remove Ash: Clean out any remaining ash from the previous fire.
- 2. Place Kindling: Add a small amount of paper & dry kindling to the bottom of the fire box.
- 3. Build a Base: Layer larger pieces of dry firewood on top of the kindling. Ensure there is enough space between the logs for airflow.

#### Lighting the Fire:

- 1. Light Paper: Use a long-handled lighter or a fire starter to ignite the kindling.
- 2. Can use fire starters: For lighting ease you can add fire starters
- 3. Add Fuel: As the kindling catches fire, gradually add more firewood to build a steady flame.

#### Maintaining the Fire:

- 1. Monitor Flames: Keep an eye on the flames to ensure they are burning evenly.
- 2. Add Fuel: As the firewood burns down, add more logs to maintain the fire.
- 3. Leave Door to Firebox Open: Until fire is well established

#### Safety Tips:

- Never leave the fire unattended.
- Avoid using accelerants like gasoline or kerosene.
- Be cautious when adding or removing logs.
- Keep children and pets away from the hot fire box.

By following these instructions and prioritizing safety, you can safely and efficiently light the fire box on your wood-fired hot tub and enjoy a relaxing soak.

# TUBBY-ING

Before entering your hot tub, shower to remove body oils and lotions. Limit your soak time to 15-20 minutes to avoid overheating.

Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water before, during, and after your soak. Avoid consuming alcohol before or during your soak, as it can increase your risk of dehydration and accidents.

It's important to note that you should not add any chemicals to the hot tub water.

# ONGOING MAINTENANCE

To maintain your Tubby hot tub without using chemicals, it's crucial to change the water every two to three days. Completely drain the tub and clean it thoroughly with a mild detergent and a soft brush or sponge. Rinse thoroughly to remove any residue. On your electric tub carefully brush out the filter paper pleats.

Always cover your hot tub when not in use to prevent debris from entering, and reduce evaporation.

Regularly clean the cover to remove dirt and debris. Inspect the hot tub regularly for any signs of damage, leaks, or unusual odors.

## UNLEASHING WATER

First, locate that mysterious end cap. It's the guardian of your glorious water. Now, engage in a delicate twisty dance with it until you're rewarded with a glorious CLICK! This click is the secret handshake of the drainage world. Once you feel it, give that end cap a good, confident yank straight out.

At this pivotal moment, you'll discover you can now unscrew the cap entirely. With the cap liberated, the grand finale: give that newly uncapped pipe a firm push back in. Voila! The watery floodgates shall open, and your Tubby Tub will begin its journey back to emptiness. You can attach a garden hose to the fitting to dump the water further away from the tub.

# WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

"AMAZING QUALITY AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE! WE EXPERIENCED GREAT SUPPORT & WE ARE TRULY IMPRESSED BY THE QUALITY OF THE WOODFIRED HOT TUB, ALL OUR EXPECTATIONS WERE EXCEEDED. WE CAN HIGHLY RECOMMEND THEM"

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# CEDAR MAINTENANCE

Maintaining the wood cladding of your soak hot tub is essential for its longevity and aesthetic appeal. To protect the wood, it should be reoiled every 12 months.

We strongly recommend using Wood-X, specifically the "Hessian" color, for optimal protection and to preserve the wood's natural beauty. You can find more information about Wood-X on their website: <a href="http://www.wood-x.co.nz">http://www.wood-x.co.nz</a>.

Before applying the Wood-X, ensure the wood is clean and dry, removing any dirt, debris, or old oil residue. Follow the Wood-X manufacturer's instructions for proper application, applying the oil evenly and ensuring thorough coverage of all wood surfaces. Pay close attention to end grains and areas exposed to direct moisture.

Several factors can influence the frequency of oiling. Exposure to direct sunlight, rain, and humidity can accelerate wood deterioration, potentially necessitating more frequent oiling in harsh climates. Regular inspections of the wood cladding are also crucial, allowing you to identify any signs of cracking, splitting, or discoloration. Address any damage promptly to prevent further deterioration. Clean the wood cladding regularly with a soft brush or cloth to remove dirt and debris, avoiding harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners that could damage the wood. Wood-X is recommended because it is designed to penetrate deep into the wood, providing long-lasting protection against moisture and UV damage, helping to maintain the wood's natural appearance and prevent warping, cracking, and splitting. As a product designed for the harsh conditions found in New Zealand, it is a great option.

By consistently adhering to these wood cladding maintenance guidelines, you can ensure your Tubby hot tub remains a beautiful and functional addition to your outdoor space.



#### **Quality Craftsmanship. Affordable Price**

We started Tubby Tubs because, let's face it, adulting is hard enough without the added stress of an overpriced hot tub. We were tired of the industry's obsession with luxury that only the elite could afford. We wanted to create a hot tub experience that was both indulgent and accessible.



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