



EMBRACE THE TUBBY

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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 quick 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.

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SPARKY SETUP

Once you've successfully liberated it from its crate, the next crucial step is ensuring it receives the lifeblood it needs: electricity.

To accomplish this safely and correctly, your primary action should be to contact a qualified and friendly electrician, they will need to add the correct plug to the tub.

They will be able to assess your specific circumstances and connect the appropriate power supply, which could range from 15V to 20V depending on the length of the electrical cord required for your installation.

A key part of this electrical connection will involve adding a suitable power socket. Depending on your existing electrical setup and the power demands of your hot tub, this might be a straightforward process. However, if your current standard 10 amp socket needs to be replaced with a more robust 16 amp plug, you should anticipate a potential cost in the range of \$200 to \$300 for this upgrade.

In situations where your current electrical infrastructure isn't sufficient to power your new tub, a new socket might need to be installed. For a simple installation, this could cost anywhere from \$500 to \$600, but it's important to understand that this price can vary significantly based on the complexity of the work required at your location. It's also worth noting that for cable lengths of around 10 metres, a 20 amp plug is typically necessary to ensure safe and efficient operation. However, a common and often cost-effective strategy is to install the power outlet directly adjacent to the spa. This shorter distance can often lower the amperage requirements of the plug needed, potentially saving on installation costs and simplifying the electrical work.

Your electrician will be able to advise on the best and safest approach for your specific setup.

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 turning your electric tub on. Use the <https://www.spanet.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/SV-Mini-Install-Manual-2005.pdf> when turning the electric tub on for the first time

CRYSTRAL CLEAR WATER

We recommend Silver cartridges from <https://www.crystalclearpools.co.nz/product/simplesilver/> to keep water clear in electric tubs long term.

Silver harnesses its natural antimicrobial properties to inhibit the growth of bacteria and algae within spa water. The silver ion cartridges achieve this by releasing controlled amounts of silver ions into the water. While silver is effective at suppressing microbial growth. There might be times where the water might benefit from an extra boost or "shocking." In such instances, a small amount of chlorine may still be necessary or "dumping of the water" and refilling the tub. However, the most effective preventative measure for maintaining clean spa water is the consistent weekly hosing down and carefully brush out the filter paper pleats.

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. If oils and lotions are on your body they will create a film on the water.

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.

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.



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 re-oiled 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: <http://www.wood-x.co.nz>.

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 environmental 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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