

## 12' and 20' Cold Air Balloons – Inflating and Cleaning

### Inflation Instructions

Note: It takes approximately 15 minutes to inflate or deflate the balloon.

- Before unpacking balloon, check the area for dangerous power lines, lights and tree limbs.
- Indoors, check ceiling height, fixtures, and sprinkler heads, etc.
- Check locations for power source and adequate space to tie down guy lines.
- Lay balloon out flat, colored bill in front with inflation blower and zipper nearest power source.
- Plug in blower, making sure balloon does not sway in the wind. Make sure zipper is closed.
- Secure long guy lines using tent stakes or other permanent fixtures (post, tree, car bumper).
- Be careful using stakes for short guy lines, as they will damage the balloon.
- Always make sure the balloon is secure and does not sway against any sharp or hazardous objects.

### Deflation Instructions

- Remove all stakes from ground and move away from the balloon.
- To deflate balloon, unplug fan and carefully unzip back of balloon.
- Help duck deflate by carefully applying body weight.
- Lay all guy lines in the middle of the balloon.
- Carefully roll up balloon, slowly letting out remaining air.
- Put balloon into bag.

### Cleaning Instructions

- Use diluted mixture of Simple Green (or other household cleaners).
- Use a soft brush or cloth to avoid damage to the balloon.
- Let the balloon dry completely. Failure to do so will cause the balloon to mold and stain.

### Cautions and Warnings

- Beware of power lines, tree limbs, and overhanging lights.
- Set-up is not advised in winds over 15 mph (it will pull apart seams at tied up areas).
- Keep all sharp objects away from balloon (stakes, trees, air ducts, etc.)
- Extreme caution should be used on roof tops, etc., due to stronger winds.
- NEVER pack the balloon away wet as staining will occur due to mildew.
- Do not leave the inflated balloon or the blower out overnight to avoid potential vandalism or theft.
- The balloon can withstand light rain, but electrical connections should be covered.

## Quacky Costumes – Care and Cleaning

### Cleaning Instructions

- Use a mild liquid detergent (Ivory, etc.); gently rub in with a soft brush or cloth being careful not to damage the material.
- Costume can be sprayed clean with pressure from a regular garden hose. Do not soak.
- Air dry at room temperature or use a fan to assist the drying process. Make sure the costume is completely dry before packing or wearing. Dampness can cause the costume to mold.
- If the costume has an unpleasant odor, spray with a disinfectant such as Lysol.
- Head, hands and feet can be cleaned using the same process as the body.
- Tights can be hand-washed with a mild liquid detergent.

### Cautions and Warnings

- Take care of any stains immediately!
- Do not use bleaches or harsh industrial strength cleaners.
- Do not put costume away damp – it can mildew.
- Make sure all parts stay together: body, head, 2 hands, 2 feet, and tights or drawstring pants.
- Use carpet thread for small repairs – this will not easily tear.
- Do not put in a commercial dryer – AIR DRY ONLY! NEVER USE HEAT ON FUR!

### Common Sense Guidelines

- Remove all face make-up (foundation, etc. can stain)
- Do not apply perfume or cologne (especially in hot or humid climates).
- Use a cool vest and/or neck cooler.