

# **Rapid Reel**<sup>®</sup> **HOSE REELS**

BY ELEY CORPORATION



## **2-Wheel Cart Garden Hose Reel**

Model 1043-GH

Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

(Please locate the serial # on your hose reel and write it in the space above)

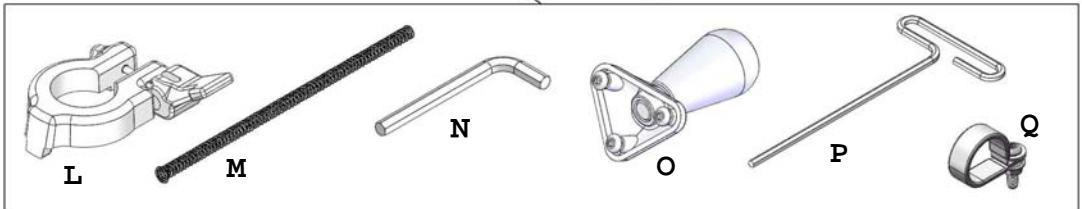
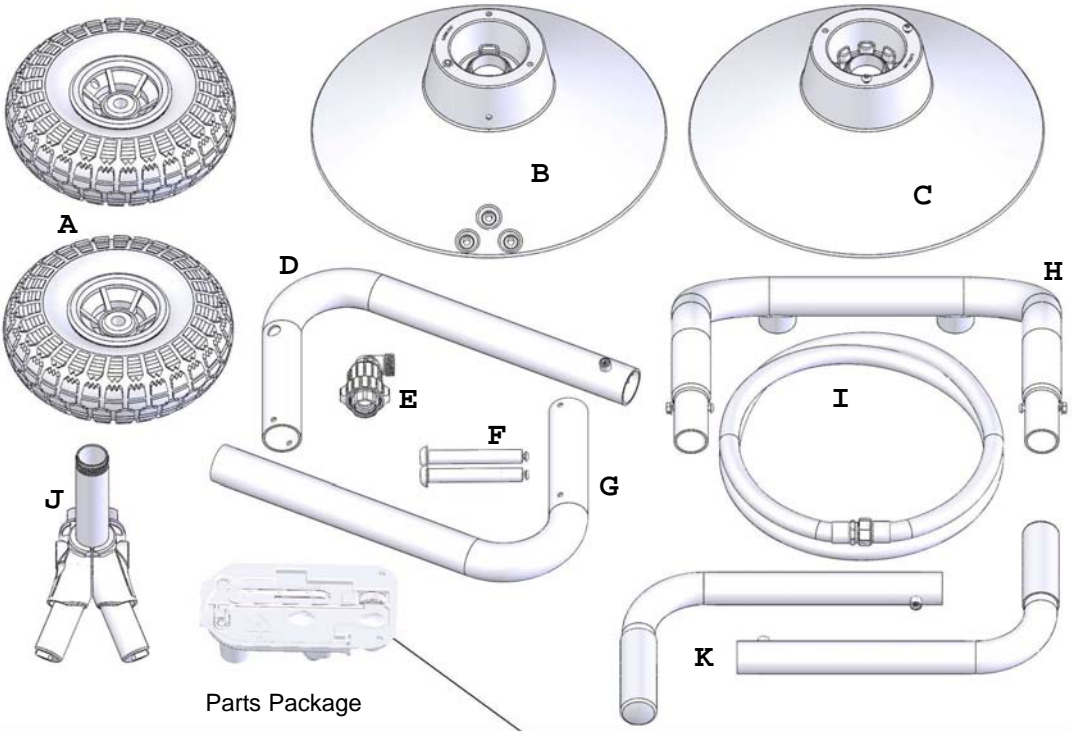
### **IMPORTANT!**

Please keep this instruction manual for your records as it contains replacement part numbers for all components.

## **Assembly & Installation Instructions**

Version 0409

# Model 1043-GH Contents



Patent Pending

Ref.	Part #	Qty.	Description
A	2079	2	Flat-Free Tire
B	2100	1	Front Flange*
C	2099	1	Back Flange*
D	See Step 6	1	Left Leg Assembly
E	2594	1	Brass Swivel
F	See Step 13	2	Tire Spindle Assembly
G	See Step 8	1	Right Leg Assembly
H	See Step 10	1	Bumper Assembly
I	2375	1	Inlet Hose
J	See Step 5	1	Frame Wye Assembly
K	See Step 16	2	Push Handle Assembly
L	2587	1	Cam-Lever Brake
M	2367	1	Kink-Free Spring
N	2538	1	Short Hex Key Wrench
O	2589	1	Crank Handle
P	2537	1	Long Hex Key Wrench
Q	2608	1	Hose Clamp Assembly

Questions? Problems? Missing Parts?



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\* **NOTE:** Both back and front flanges, have a pre-installed bushing in the center hole. In case one is needed, the replacement part number for that bushing is # 2509.

# Reel Assembly

## Step 1

Using the enclosed **Long Hex Key Wrench**, remove the three pre-installed screws & nuts from the **Back Flange**.

Back Flange (B)

Long Hex Key Wrench (I)



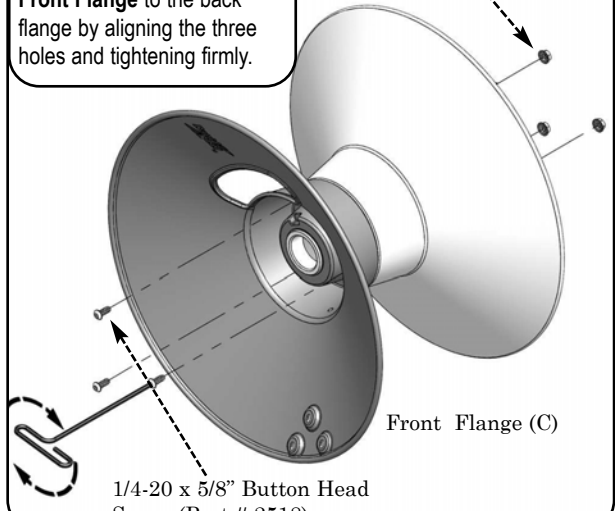
## Step 2

Using the long hex key wrench and the three screws & nuts you just removed, attach the **Front Flange** to the back flange by aligning the three holes and tightening firmly.

1/4" Serrated Flange Lock Nut (Part # 2330)

Front Flange (C)

1/4-20 x 5/8" Button Head Screw (Part # 2518)



## Step 3

Using the enclosed long hex key wrench, remove the three pre-installed screws from the **Crank Handle**.

Crank Handle Assembly (Part # 2589)

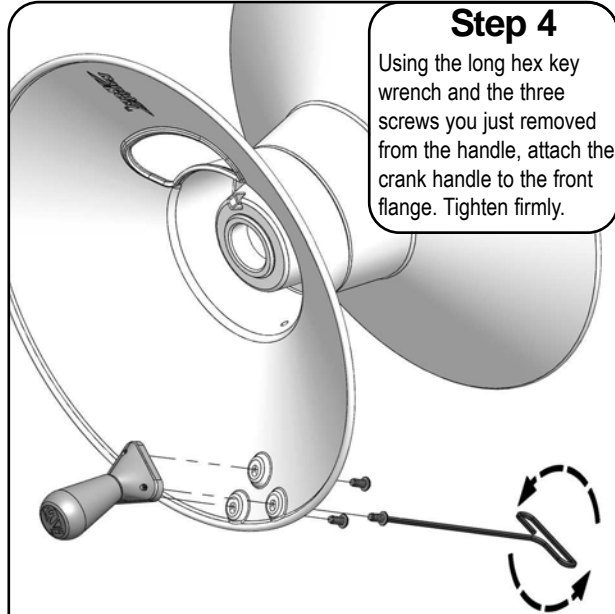
1/4-20 x 1/2" Button Head Screw (Part # 2524)

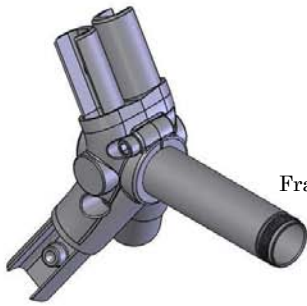
Long Hex Key Wrench (I)



## Step 4

Using the long hex key wrench and the three screws you just removed from the handle, attach the crank handle to the front flange. Tighten firmly.





Frame Wye Assembly (J)

### Step 5

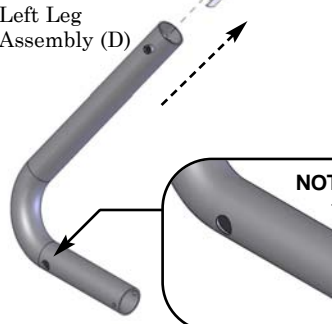
Get the **Frame Wye Assembly** from the packaging.

#### Frame Wye Assembly Components:

- Qty. 1 - Short Axle (#2570)
- Qty. 1 - Left Wye (#2567)
- Qty. 1 - Right Wye (#2566)
- Qty. 2 - 1-1/4" x 3/8" Screw (#2519)

**NOTE:** See Step 8 for component breakdown for both **Leg Assemblies**.

Left Leg Assembly (D)



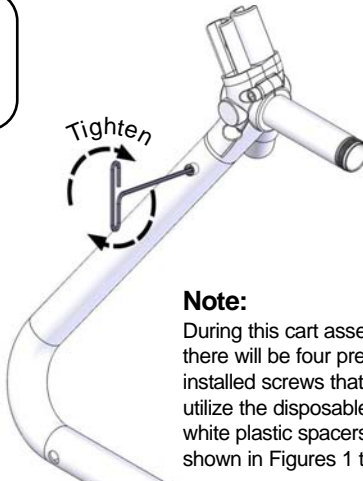
**NOTE:** The large hole in the leg needs to face to the outside.

### Step 6

Slide a **Left Leg Assembly** onto one of the frame wye's left leg post. **DO NOT** remove the pre-installed screw. Push the assembly all the way onto the frame wye post until it bottoms out.

### Step 7

Using the long hex key wrench, tighten the screw firmly.



#### **Note:**

During this cart assembly, there will be four pre-installed screws that utilize the disposable white plastic spacers as shown in Figures 1 thru 3.

#### Figure 1

Before tightening the white spacer is intact.



#### Figure 2

While tightening, the spacer should split or be crushed.



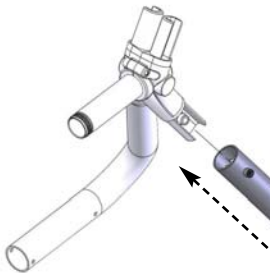
#### Figure 3

After tightening, the white spacer can be discarded. **NOTE:** The screw will likely NOT bottom out against the tube. There will be a small space between the screw head and the tube.



### Step 8

Slide the **Right Leg Assembly** onto the right leg post of the frame wye. Push the leg all the way onto the frame wye post until it bottoms out.



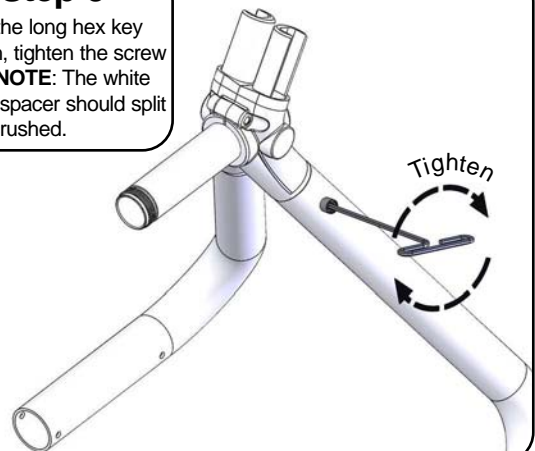
Right Leg Assembly (G)

#### Leg Assembly Components:

- Qty. 1 - Right Leg Tube (#2574)
- Qty. 1 - Left Leg Tube (2573)
- Qty. 1/Leg - 1" Screw (#2521)
- Qty. 1/Leg - Large Wedge (#2563)

### Step 9

Using the long hex key wrench, tighten the screw firmly. **NOTE:** The white plastic spacer should split or be crushed.

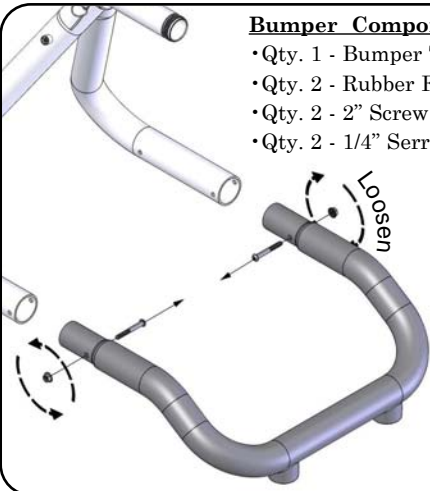


### Bumper Components:

- Qty. 1 - Bumper Tube (#2575)
- Qty. 2 - Rubber Foot (#2588)
- Qty. 2 - 2" Screw (#2522)
- Qty. 2 - 1/4" Serrated Nut (#2330)

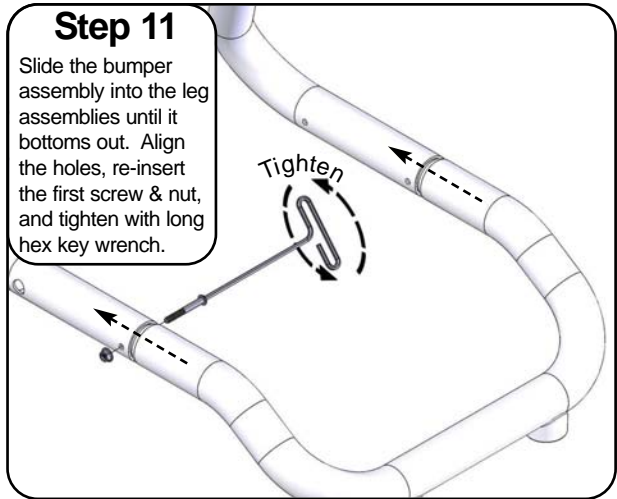
### **Step 10**

Remove the two screws and nuts from the **Bumper Assembly (H)**. Use the long hex key wrench if needed.



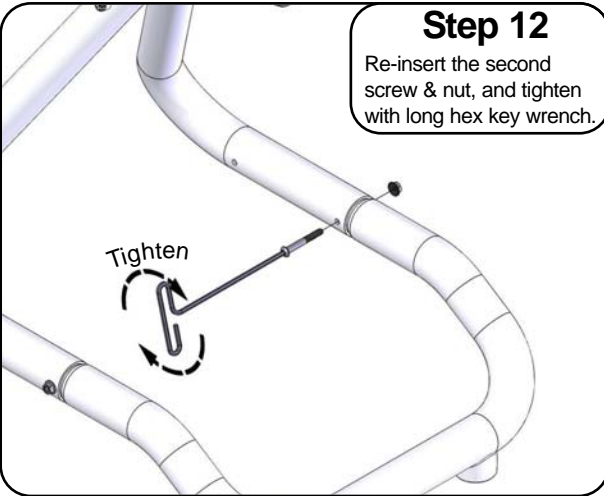
### **Step 11**

Slide the bumper assembly into the leg assemblies until it bottoms out. Align the holes, re-insert the first screw & nut, and tighten with long hex key wrench.



### **Step 12**

Re-insert the second screw & nut, and tighten with long hex key wrench.

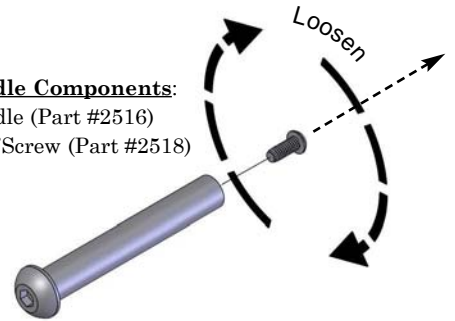


### **Step 13**

Remove the small screw from the two **Tire Spindles (F)**. You may need to use both the long and short hex key wrenches to loosen if they're too tight to remove with fingers.

### Tire Spindle Components:

- Tire Spindle (Part #2516)
- 1/4" x 5/8" Screw (Part #2518)

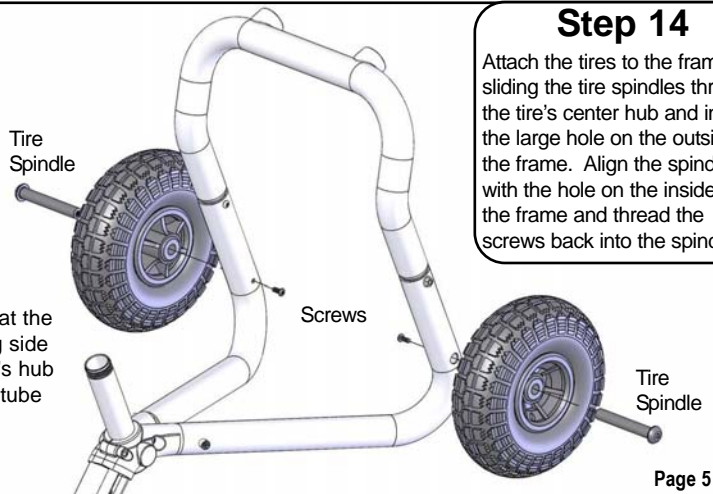


### **Step 14**

Attach the tires to the frame by sliding the tire spindles through the tire's center hub and into the large hole on the outside of the frame. Align the spindle with the hole on the inside of the frame and thread the screws back into the spindle.

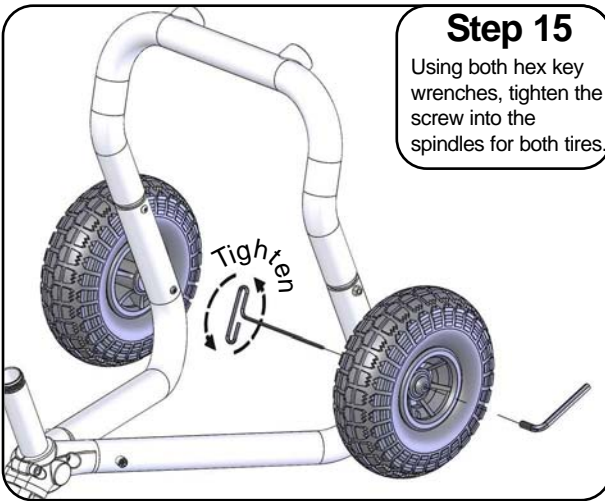


Ensure that the protruding side of the tire's hub faces the tube frame as pictured.



### Step 15

Using both hex key wrenches, tighten the screw into the spindles for both tires.

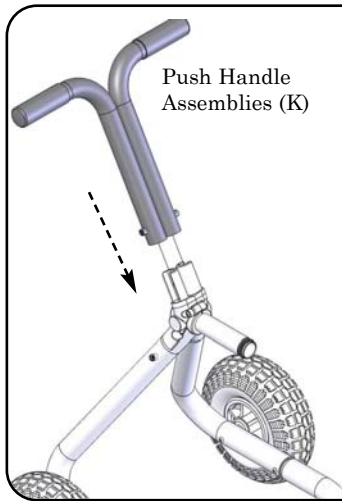


### Step 16

Slide the **Push Handle Assemblies** onto the **Frame Wye posts**, as shown. **DO NOT** remove the pre-installed screw. Push the assembly all the way onto the frame wye post until it bottoms out.

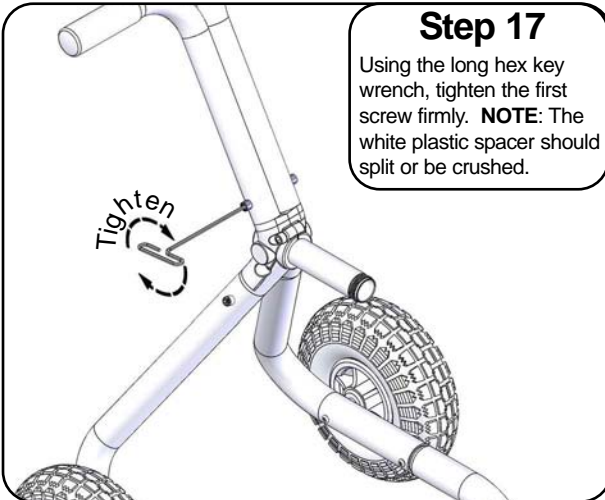
#### **Push Handle Components:**

- Handle Tube (#2572)
- Rubber Grip (#2513)
- Small Wedge (#2562)
- 1" Screw (#2521)



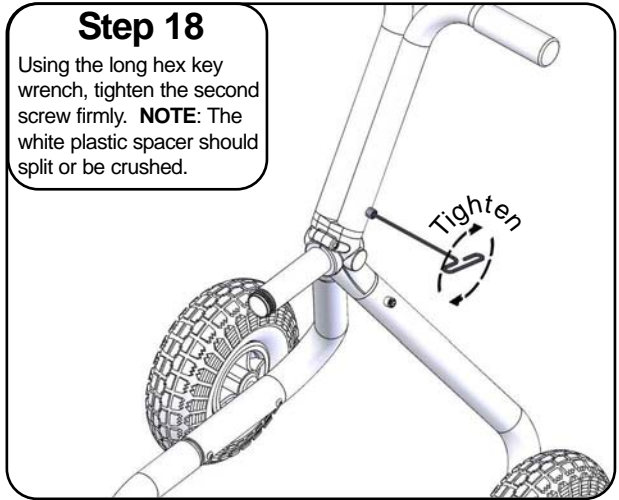
### Step 17

Using the long hex key wrench, tighten the first screw firmly. **NOTE:** The white plastic spacer should split or be crushed.



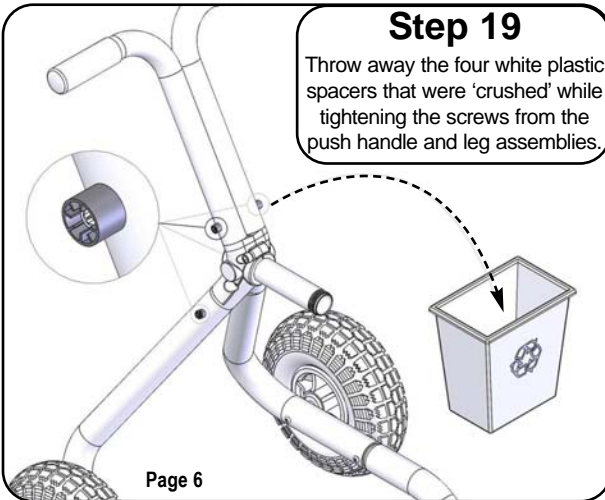
### Step 18

Using the long hex key wrench, tighten the second screw firmly. **NOTE:** The white plastic spacer should split or be crushed.



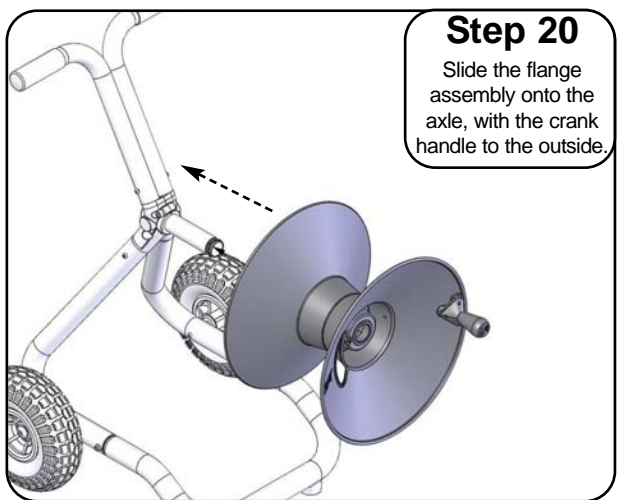
### Step 19

Throw away the four white plastic spacers that were 'crushed' while tightening the screws from the push handle and leg assemblies.



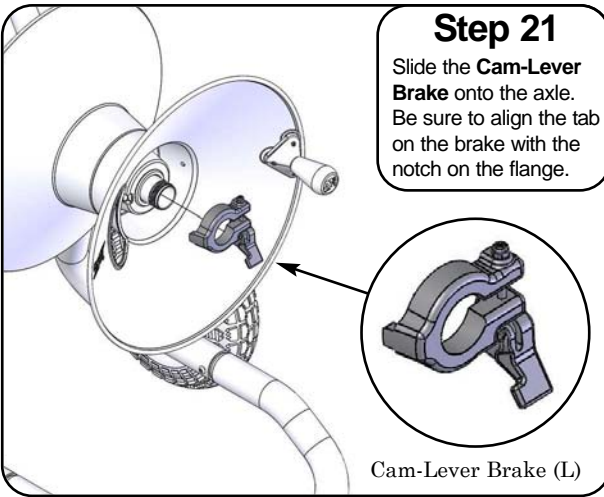
### Step 20

Slide the flange assembly onto the axle, with the crank handle to the outside.



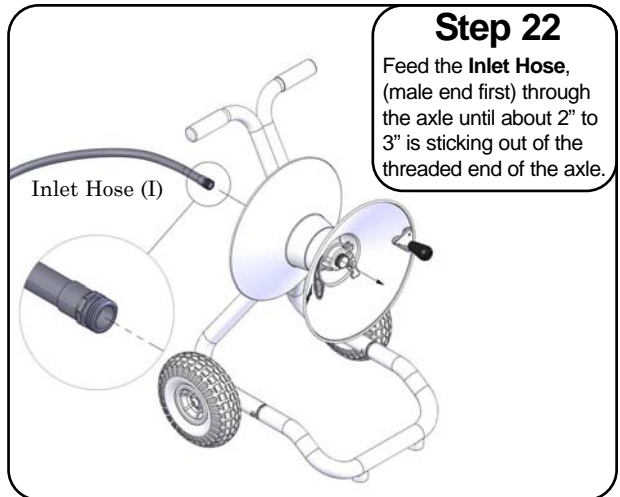
### Step 21

Slide the **Cam-Lever Brake** onto the axle. Be sure to align the tab on the brake with the notch on the flange.



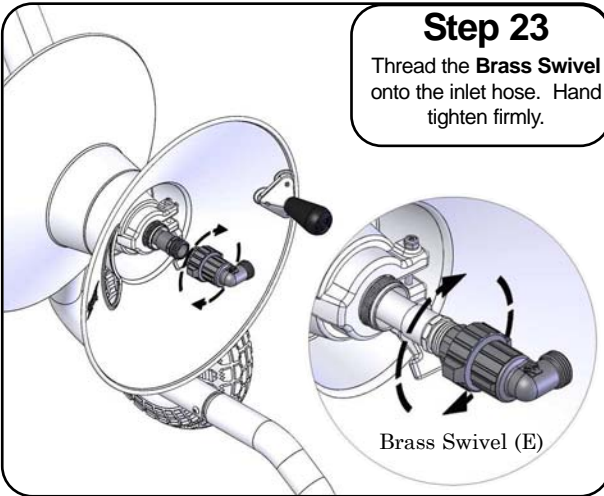
### Step 22

Feed the **Inlet Hose**, (male end first) through the axle until about 2" to 3" is sticking out of the threaded end of the axle.



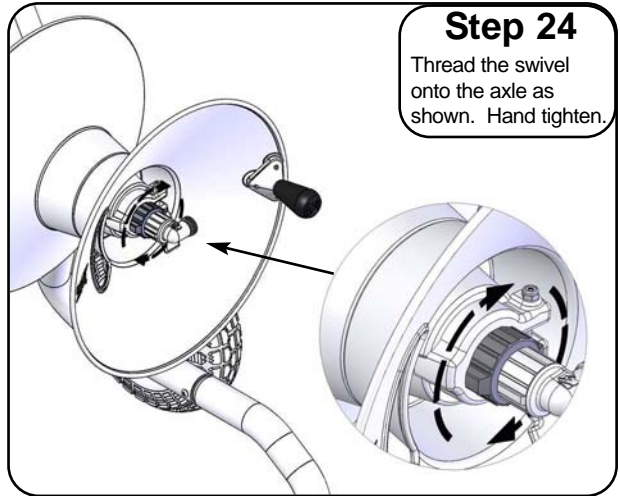
### Step 23

Thread the **Brass Swivel** onto the inlet hose. Hand tighten firmly.



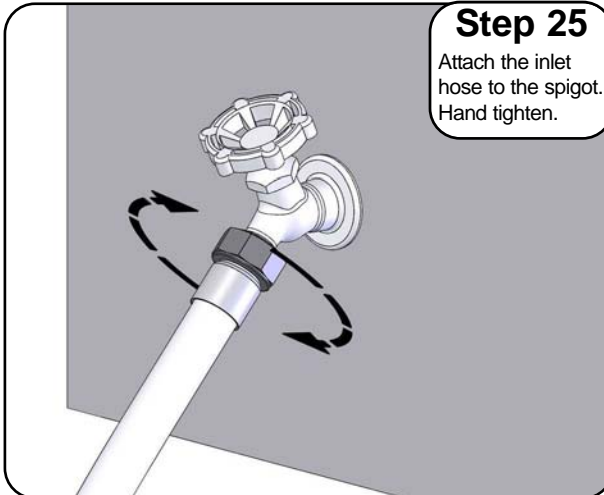
### Step 24

Thread the swivel onto the axle as shown. Hand tighten.



### Step 25

Attach the inlet hose to the spigot. Hand tighten.



### Step 26

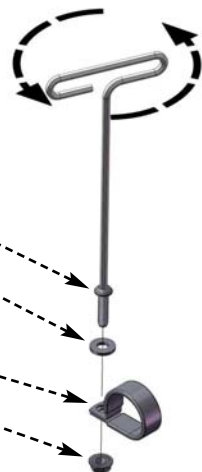
Using the enclosed long hex key wrench, remove the pre-installed screw, washer and nut from **Hose Clamp (Q)**.

**1" Screw**  
(Part #2521)

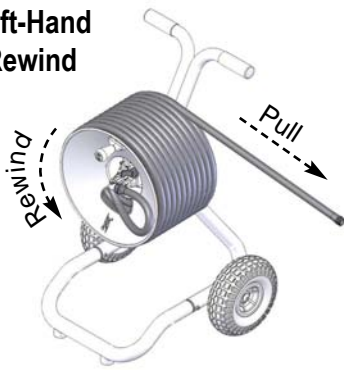
**1/4" Flat Washer**  
(Part #2331)

**Hose Clamp**  
(Part # 2539)

**Serrated Flange Nut**  
(Part # 2330)



## Left-Hand Rewind

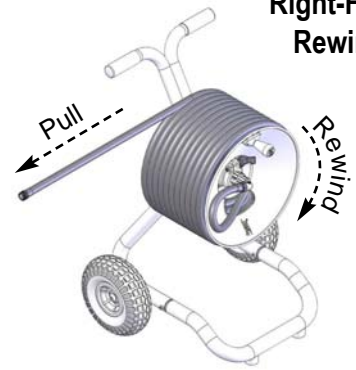


# Hose Attachment

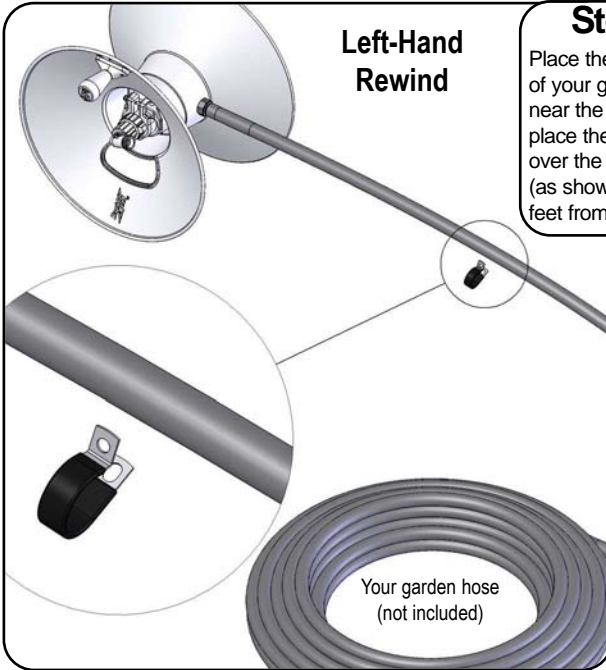
Your garden hose can be attached to this reel for either left or right hand rewinding.

Left hand operation will rewind the hose in a counter-clockwise direction, while right-hand operation will rewind in a clockwise motion.

## Right-Hand Rewind



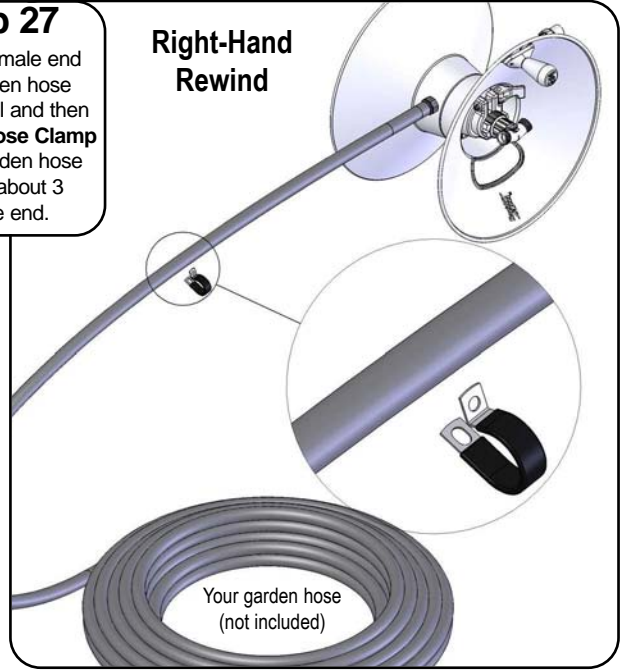
### Left-Hand Rewind



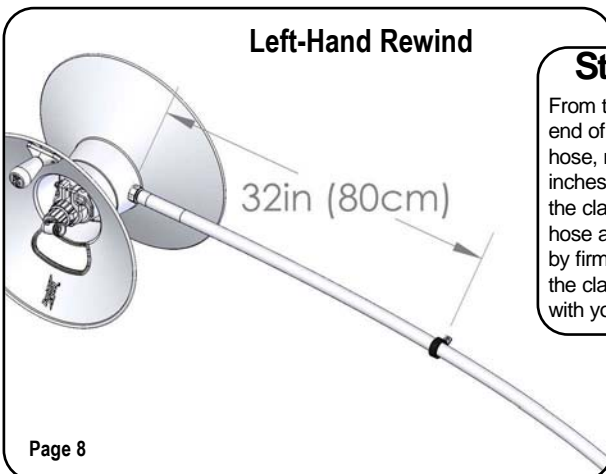
### Step 27

Place the female end of your garden hose near the reel and then place the **Hose Clamp** over the garden hose (as shown) about 3 feet from the end.

### Right-Hand Rewind



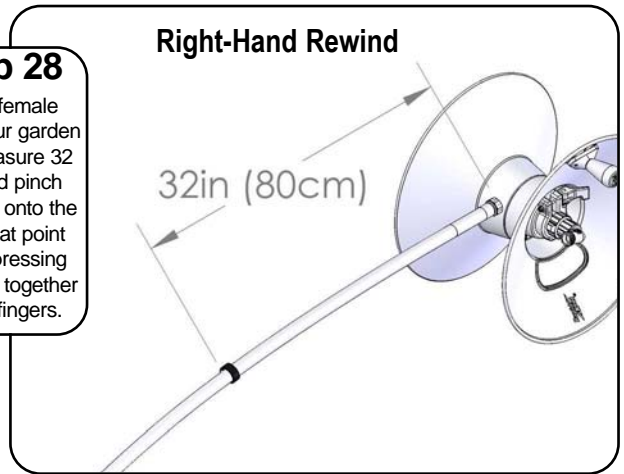
### Left-Hand Rewind



### Step 28

From the female end of your garden hose, measure 32 inches and pinch the clamp onto the hose at that point by firmly pressing the clamp together with your fingers.

### Right-Hand Rewind



## Left-Hand Rewind

## Right-Hand Rewind

Long Hex Key Wrench

### Step 29

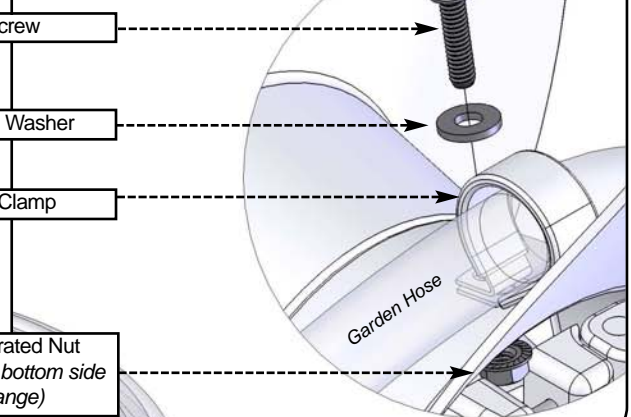
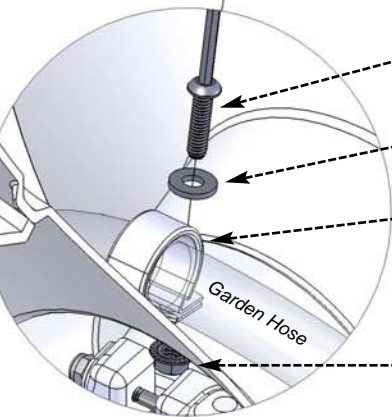
With the hose clamp firmly pinched together on the hose, attach it to the reel (using the screw, washer and nut removed from the clamp earlier), by aligning the hole in the clamp with the hole on the reel's center drum. Tighten firmly using the long hex key wrench.

1" Screw

1/4" Flat Washer

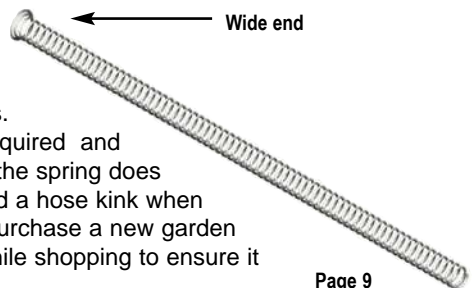
Hose Clamp

1/4" Serrated Nut  
(placed on bottom side of flange)



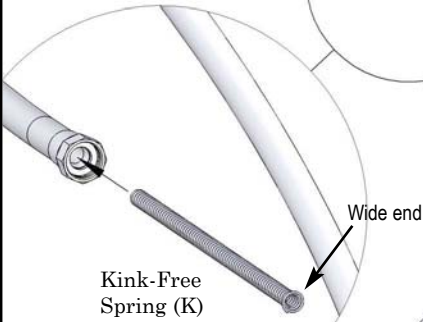
### NOTE: (For Step 30 on next page)

The **Kink-Free Spring** is designed to prevent a kink in your garden hose while creating the "loop" during STEP 31. Rapid Reel currently supplies this one spring size which will fit into most 5/8" garden hoses. However, it may not fit into certain brands. Use of the spring is not required and Rapid Reel hose reels are designed to operate properly without it. If the spring does not fit into your garden hose, simply use care during STEP 31 to avoid a hose kink when curving the hose around to attach it to the swivel. If you're going to purchase a new garden hose for the reel, we recommend that you take the spring with you while shopping to ensure it will slide into the hose.



### Left-Hand Rewind

Slot in flange



### Right-Hand Rewind

Slot in flange

Wide end

Kink-Free Spring (K)

This diagram shows a close-up of the wide end of a garden hose. A grey, tapered Kink-Free Spring (K) is being inserted into the hose. The spring has a wider, tapered end that fits snugly into the hose's opening.

### Step 30

Feed the female end of the garden hose through the slot in the flange, (as shown) and insert the **Kink-Free Spring** into the hose, with narrow end first. The wider, tapered end keeps the spring from sliding down the hose.

### Left-Hand Rewind

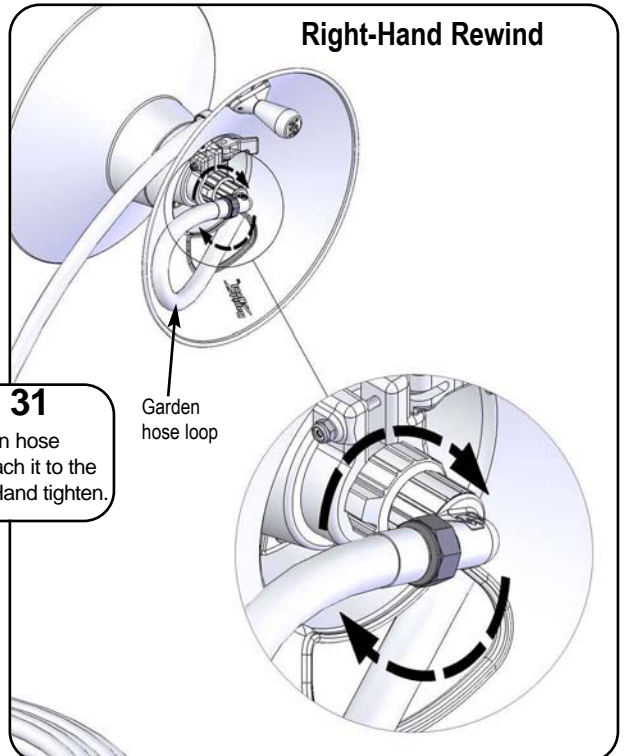
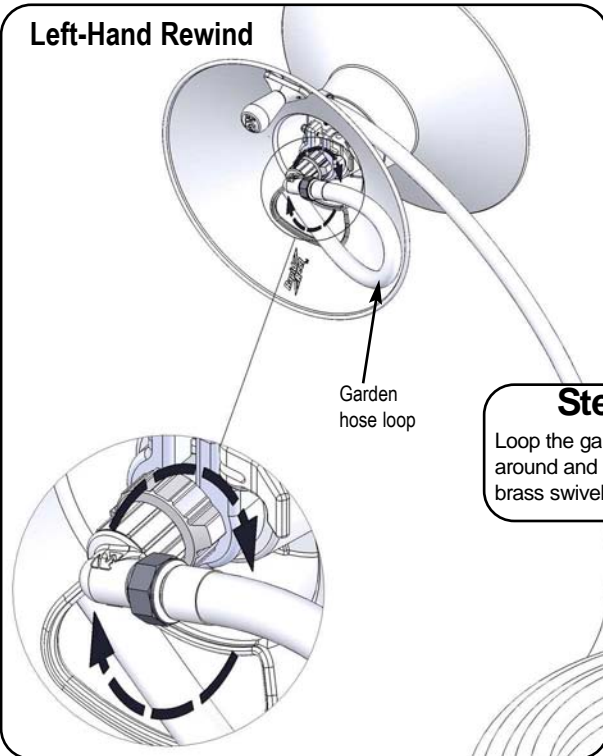
Garden hose loop

### Step 31

Loop the garden hose around and attach it to the brass swivel. Hand tighten.

### Right-Hand Rewind

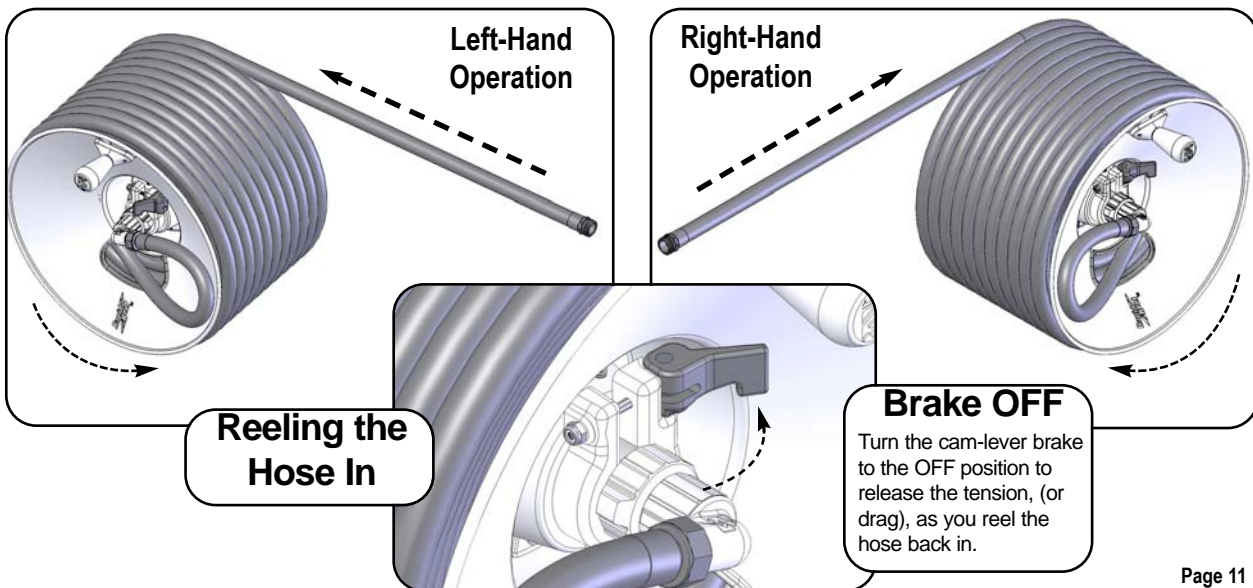
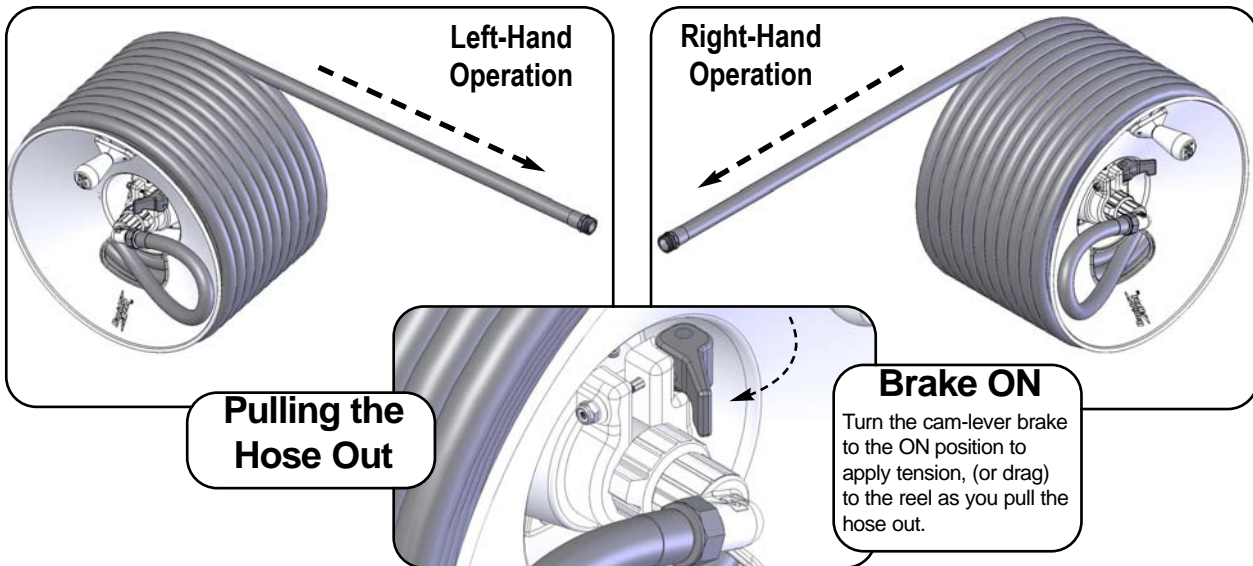
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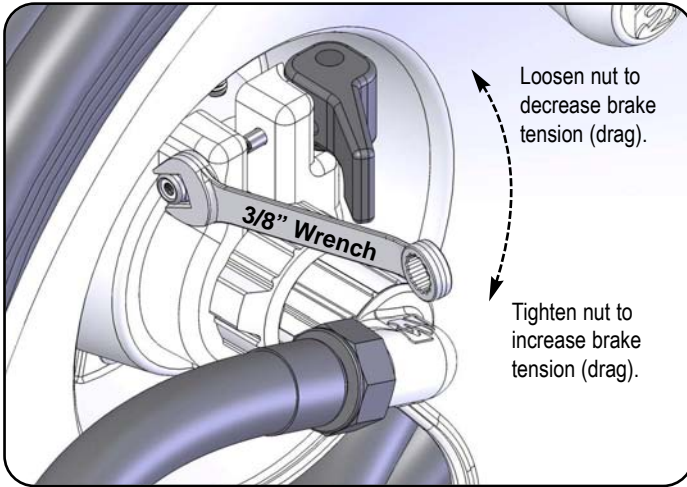
## How to Use the Cam-Lever Brake

When you stop pulling out the hose, our innovative **Cam-Lever Brake** is designed to prevent the reel from free-spinning and unspooling more hose than what you wanted. The brake can be turned **ON** and **OFF** with the simple flick of a finger. Turn the brake **ON** when pulling the hose out, then flip it to the **OFF** position for easy rewinding.

**NOTE: See back page for instructions on how to adjust the amount of tension, or drag.**



## Cam-Lever Brake Adjustment



The amount of tension, or drag, of the cam-lever brake can be adjusted with a **3/8" wrench**. Simply loosen the nut (counter-clockwise) to decrease the amount of drag. Tighten the nut, (clockwise) to increase the amount of drag. We strongly recommend that you increase or decrease the tension by only 1/4 turn of the wrench before testing the amount of drag. Keep adjusting at 1/4 turn intervals until desired level of tension is acquired.

### REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR PRODUCT

**THANK YOU** for your purchase! Please take a few moments to secure your **10 YEAR WARRANTY** by registering online. Our brief online form takes just seconds and can be found at [www.rapidreel.com](http://www.rapidreel.com) under the CONSUMER SUPPORT section of the website.

## 10 Year Warranty

### Coverage

Rapid-Reel® and Eley Corporation, (collectively here after referred to as the "warrantor"), guarantees this hose reel, components and parts, unless otherwise specified, to be free from defect, malfunction or failure in material, or workmanship, under normal use and service, for a period of 10 years (120 months). Warranty period starts from original invoice date.

### Hose

Hose supplied by warrantor carries a warranty of 1 year (12 months) from original invoice date of purchase. Hose is selected from reliable commercial sources and is recommended for application on the basis of data supplied by the manufacturer.

### Exemptions

Warranty does not cover leaking due to damage caused by the use of acid, harsh chemicals or mineral deposits. Warranty does not apply when products are used in excess of their rated capacities and design functions or under abnormal conditions. The effects of corrosion, and normal wear and tear are specifically excluded from this warranty. This warranty does not cover damage which occurs in shipment or failures which are caused by products not supplied by the warrantor or failures which result from accidents, mishandling, faulty installation, freezing, misuse or misapplication, abuse or neglect. Warranty is void if the product or any part thereof has been tampered with, altered or repaired by anyone other than warrantor or damage that is attributable to acts of God. The warrantor covers the replacement or credit of defective parts only and does not allow for field labor charges for removal, installation, analysis or travel expenses. In no event shall the warrantor or its suppliers be liable for any damages, whatsoever, arising out of the use of or inability to use this product. (Some states do not allow the exclusion of limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you). The warrantor and its suppliers disclaim all other expressed or implied warranties. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.



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