



26. Playground - Tot Lot

Definition	A facility with play features to support a range of activities for tots, children and teens.
Size	1,000 square feet minimum; 5 activities
Possible Activities	<p>Activities: climbing, swinging, spinning, sliding, balancing, jumping, hanging, creative play, crawling, hiding, rocking, rolling, bouncing, digging, sand and water play.</p> <p>All facilities must include climbing and sliding activities.</p>
Location	<p>Smaller facilities may be integrated into a residential development or a local public park.</p> <p>Larger facilities should be accessibly located within a central business district.</p>
Setbacks	<p>Age 2-5: 30 feet from nearest building, 30 feet from curb.</p> <p>Setbacks may be reduced in multi-family communities provided that other measures, such as landscaping and fencing, are used as necessary to achieve compatibility with adjacent uses.</p>
Design Criteria	<p>Provide shade trees and plantings as needed to screen the area.</p> <p>Provide adjacent seating area and trash receptacles.</p> <p>Comply with government agency requirements for playground design and safety.</p>
Resources	<p>United States Consumer Protection Safety Commission National Program for Playground Safety</p> <p>http://playgroundsafety.org/standards/cpsc</p> <p>Design and construction of playgrounds must conform to the requirements of ADA Amendments Act of 2008.</p>

Supply Values

		Tots	Children	Teens	Young Adults	Adults	Seniors
Tot Lot Play Area	Ages 2-5	9	2	2	3	3	3



Tot Lot Examples



Clockwise from top:

*Toddler playground,
Aire de jeux Espace Libre,
Alfordville, France*

*Community tricycle track,
Bedford, England*

*Dome playground, Neue Park
Berlin, Germany
Equipment by Goric*

*Tot lot, North Star Mall,
San Antonio, TX*