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**
Activities: climbing, swinging, spinning, sliding, balancing, jumping, hanging, creative play, crawling, hiding, rocking, rolling, bouncing, digging, sand and water play.

All facilities must include climbing and sliding activities.

**Location**
Smaller facilities may be integrated into a residential development or a local public park.

Larger facilities should be accessibly located within a central business district.

**Setbacks**
Age 2-5: 30 feet from nearest building, 30 feet from curb.

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.

**Design Criteria**
Provide shade trees and plantings as needed to screen the area.

Provide adjacent seating area and trash receptacles.

Comply with government agency requirements for playground design and safety.

**Resources**
United States Consumer Protection Safety Commission National Program for Playground Safety

http://playgroundsafty.org/standards/cpsc

Design and construction of playgrounds must conform to the requirements of ADA Amendments Act of 2008.

**Supply Values**

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Tot Lot Examples

Clockwise from top:
- Toddler playground,
  Aire de jeux Espace Libre,
  Alfordsville, France
- Community tricycle track,
  Bedford, England
- Dome playground, Neue Park
  Berlin, Germany
  Equipment by Goric
- Tot lot, North Star Mall,
  San Antonio, TX