

# PLAY EQUIPMENT

(SWINGSETS/SLIDES/CLIMBERS)

SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED

## OBJECTIVE/GOAL

To locate and visually integrate the play structure into its surroundings and minimize the impact of its appearance and use on neighboring properties.

## REVIEW PROCESS



IF YOUR PROJECT MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA, **NO APPLICATION** IS REQUIRED.

PORTABLE

The play equipment is comparable to lawn furniture or toys, and can easily be carried by one person.



IF YOUR APPLICATION MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN **APPLICATION FORM**. NEIGHBORS' SIGNATURES ARE **NOT** REQUIRED. STAFF MAY REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION.

LOCATION

The play equipment is located in the rear yard of a property that does not abut a lake or pond, placed on the ground, at least 20 feet from the nearest property line;

DIMENSION

It is no wider than 15 feet in any dimension;

CANOPY

If any canvas components, such as a canopy, are one of the following solid colors: blue, yellow, green or brown; and

MATERIAL & COLOR

incorporate/maintain existing vegetation (or natural vegetation)

property line

20' minimum

15'

20' minimum

15' minimum

property line

colors and materials to blend with surroundings

screen from neighbors' view (or from neighboring properties)

It is made predominantly of wood and left to weather naturally

**OR**

It is made of metal and painted in solid colors or left in a galvanized finish

**OR**

It is made of plastic in solid colors.



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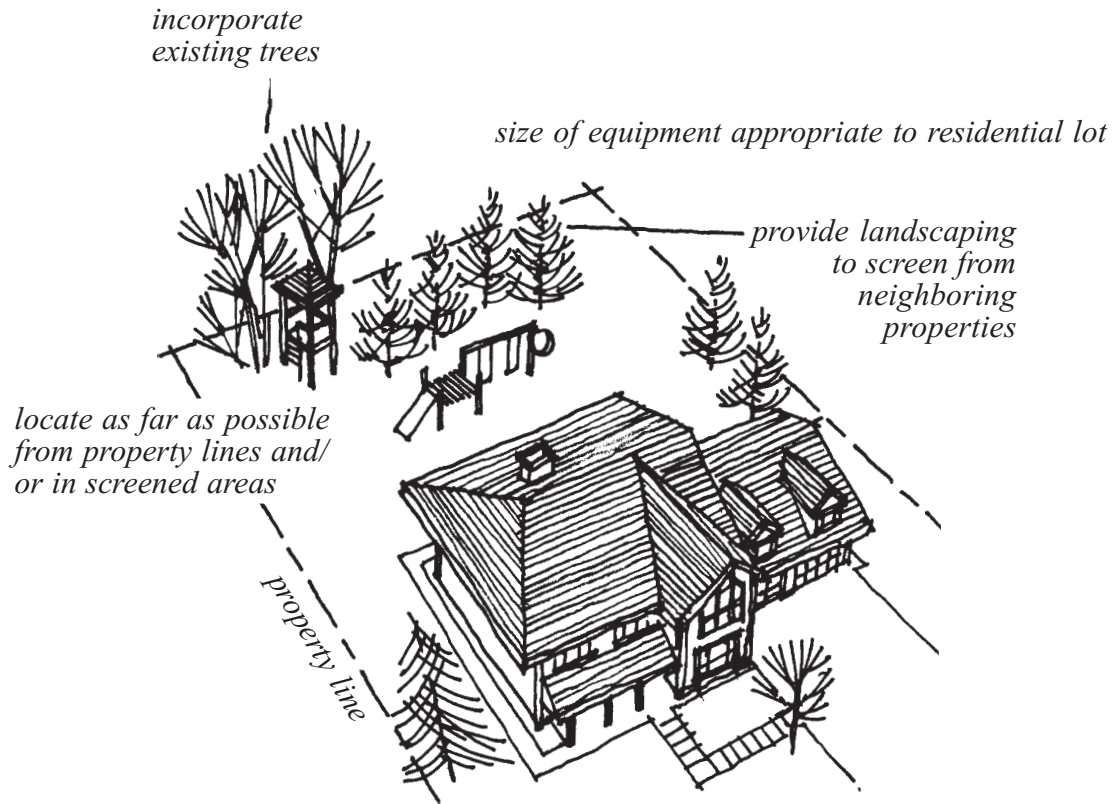
FOR ALL OTHER PROJECTS, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN **APPLICATION FORM** AND OBTAIN YOUR **NEIGHBORS' SIGNATURES**. YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE REVIEWED BY STAFF IN CONSULTATION WITH A DRB MEMBER OR BY A PANEL OF THE DRB, WHO WILL APPLY THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES.

SIZE	The size of the structure should be appropriate for a residential setting and in proportion with the available space.
DESIGN, COLOR & MATERIAL	Its design, color and material should allow the structure to blend with its surroundings.
LOCATION	The play equipment should be located as far as possible from property lines so as to minimize its physical and visual impact on neighbors.
VEGETATION	The location should be chosen so that no existing trees or significant vegetation will be removed for its installation.
SCREENING	If no vegetation currently exists, the DRB may require landscaping or fencing to screen the structure from adjacent properties and streets.
LAKEFRONT PROPERTIES	Applications for play equipment on lakefront properties should consider the potential impact of the structure upon lake views from neighboring lots.



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## APPLICATION CHECKLIST



INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

SITE PLAN

- A copy of your site plan, drawn to scale, showing the proposed location and *footprint* of the play equipment in relation to your house, your neighbors' houses, and any significant vegetation and fences.

PICTURES & SPECIFICATIONS

- A catalog picture, photograph, or accurate drawing of the equipment, with specifications including all three dimensions, materials, and color

### FOOTPRINT

*the outline of a building or structure where it meets the ground*



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## COMMENTS



HERE IS SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MAY BE HELPFUL.

### OTHER EQUIPMENT

The DRB will consider large equipment such as skateboard ramps, trampolines, portable basketball backboards, etc. to be reviewable items unless they are stored out of sight when not in use.

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