

Play Equipment

Single Family Detached

(Swing Sets/Slides/Climbers)

Objective/Goal

To locate and visually integrate the play equipment 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.

OR

Location

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

Dimension

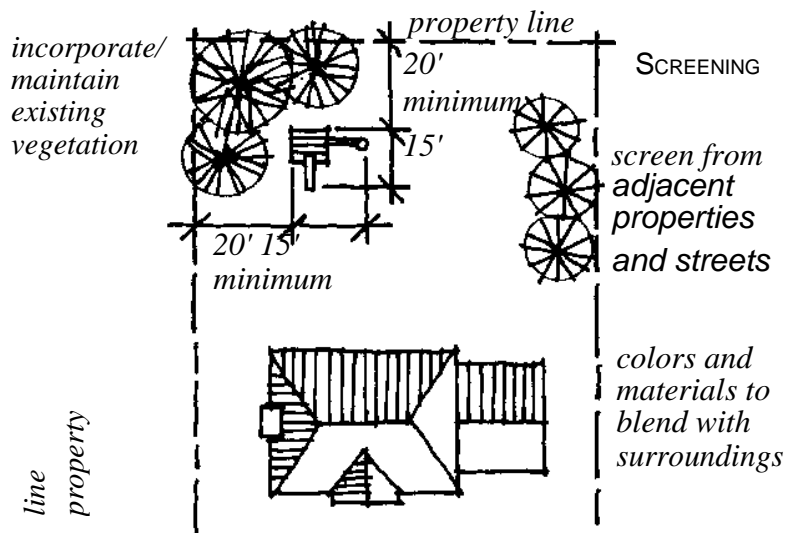
It is no wider than 15 feet in any dimension and no higher than 12 feet; and

Canopy

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

Material and Color

It is made predominantly of wood and left to weather naturally or painted a single muted earth tone color **or** it is made of metal and painted in solid colors (blue, yellow, green, brown or earth tones) or left in a galvanized finish **or** it is made of plastic in solid colors (blue, yellow, green, brown or earth tones).



Existing vegetation and/or fencing should be used to screen the structure from adjacent properties and streets. If no screening exists, native non-invasive vegetation must be installed and maintained.



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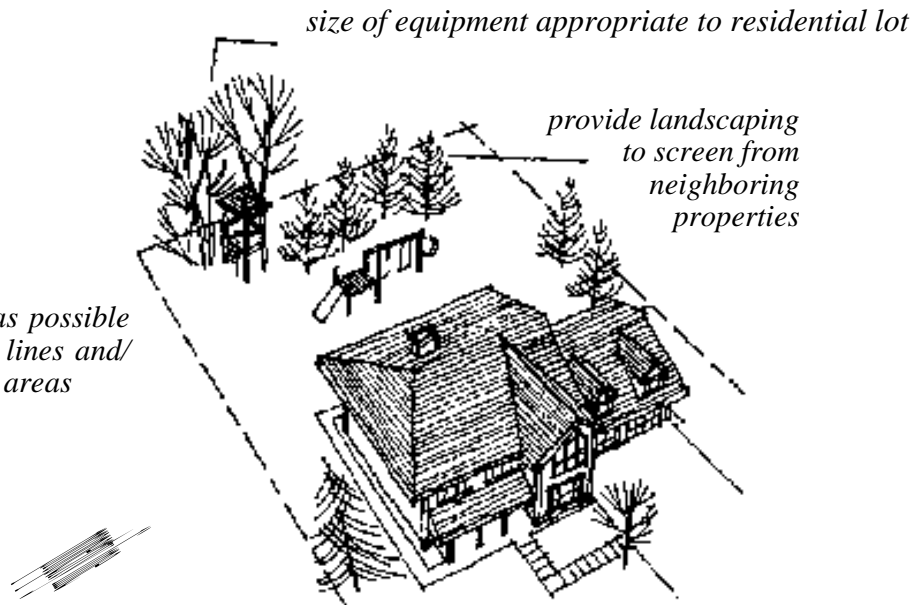


For all other projects, you must complete an **APPLICATION FORM** and obtain your **NEIGHBORS' SIGNATURES**, your application will be reviewed by staff, who will apply the following guidelines.

Size	The size of the structure should be appropriate for a residential setting and in proportion with the available space.
Design, Color and 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.

“incorporate existing trees”

locate as far as possible from property lines and/or in screened areas



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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.

Questions? Call Covenants Administration: (703) 435-6530

