



## Wood Benefits



### **1. Natural Aesthetic & Calming Environment**

Wood blends beautifully with outdoor settings and creates a warm, inviting atmosphere. Natural materials can help children feel calmer and more grounded during play.



### **2. Encourages Imaginative Play**

Wooden structures often have simpler, more open-ended designs than plastic ones, which inspires creativity. Kids can turn a wooden fort into a castle, a ship, a house, or anything they imagine.



### **3. Eco-Friendly Choice**

Wood is renewable, biodegradable, and has a lower environmental impact compared to plastics and metals. Many wood playgrounds use sustainably sourced or recycled wood.

## **4. Strong, Durable, and Long-Lasting**

High-quality, treated wood or cedar is naturally resistant to rot and can withstand years of heavy use. It's sturdy enough for rough play and can be repaired more easily than plastic.

## **5. Cooler Surface in Hot Weather**

Unlike plastic or metal equipment, wood does not heat up as quickly in the sun, making it more comfortable for children to touch and use during warm months.

## **6. Easier to Repair and Customize**

Wooden structures allow for:

- Extending play features later
- Custom modifications
- Simple repairs (replacing boards instead of whole parts)

This can save money long-term while allowing the playground to grow with the daycare.

## **7. Developmentally Supportive**

Wood playgrounds often encourage:

- Climbing → builds motor skills
- Balance activities → strengthens coordination
- Sensory experiences → texture, sound, natural elements

These support early childhood physical and cognitive development.

## 8. Safe When Properly Maintained

With proper sealing, sanding, and inspections, wood playgrounds are very safe. They can be designed with rounded edges and sturdy railings.

## 9. Gives a “Home-Like” Feel

Daycares often prefer wood because it creates a cozy, natural environment rather than a bright, industrial, or plastic-heavy look.

