



## 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.

