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5 Ways to Save Thousands When Buying Your Playground Equipment

Stretching your playground equipment budget:

Buying playground equipment requires a wealth of resources including funds and manpower. With some commitment from your local community, you can save thousands with these tips. Here's how your playground equipment budget will normally be allocated by percentage with a typical turn-key project:



Description	Percentage
Equipment	60%
Installation	28%
Playground Borders	7%
Mulch/In-fill	10%
Taxes/Shipping	5%
Total	100%

1. **Playground Grants**- See our playground equipment grants page listed above.
2. **Playground Equipment Sales**- Make sure that you're able to take advantage of any of several substantial sales taking place throughout the year. Discounts range from 20%-30% & may include free items!!
3. **Build it yourself (Community Build)**-The next largest portion of your budget is installation. We can provide the option to supervise your project if you have a committed group of volunteers willing to donate their weekend, tools, & their sweat (only consider for projects >\$14000)
4. **Self-install**- Playland offers detailed instructions intended for the layman with no experience installing playground equipment. Our industry partners choose Playland for their explicit instructions and ease of installation.

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5. **Lease Option-** Installment payment options are available for those with cashflow variances. This is a suitable alternative to **Phased-in projects**.
6. **DIY mulch/in-fill & borders-** We'll let you know how much mulch is necessary to meet today's safety standards so you can shop your local providers. Borders are largely just a containment for your in-fill and there are several options that can be purchased locally including: wood, conduit, rubber, playground timbers.

If you are located in Georgia/Alabama/Tennessee/North Carolina/Florida or Kentucky and would like additional planning for [playground budget](#), please contact us at www.korkat.com

How To Compare Playground Designs

Comparing your playground designs

Be sure your playground incorporates as many play experiences as possible. Remember, it isn't always the number of play events that are on a play structure that make it a good value, but the value of the play itself.



As an example, let's compare Playground A vs. Playground B

Playground A contains a 2 each 3' tall slides; 3s each 3' foot climbers; Arched Bridge; 4 foot slide and 2 activity panels for a total of 9 activities. Playground B has a 72" slide, 7" Arch Climber, 48" Triple Rail Slide, 48" Tree Climber, 42" Sliding Pole, 42" Straight Slide, 90 degree monkey bars, and a motion-oriented Syclone Spinner accessible from the ground. Although B also has 9 activities, it costs \$1000 less, and offers the better value for kids between the ages of 5-12 years of age. Why?

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Children have slides and climbers at three different deck heights on Playground B. It also has motion incorporated; and imaginative play that accompanies the unique play experiences of the arch climbers and Syclone Spinner. Although Playground A has more capacity and room for activities, the lower level climbers and slides don't challenge kids and continue to want to return. Don't forget to reference the Fundraising Resources page on the top right tab, for products and resources to help you with your playground fundraiser. If you are located in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina, or Kentucky and would like assistance in designing your playground in addition to stretching your existing [playground budget](#), please contact us at www.korkat.com

	Playground A	Playground B
Slides	2 @ 3'; 1 @ 4' tube' deck heights	3 total, 72", 48", 42"
Climbers	Bedrock, rung ladder, arch	90 degree, tree climber, arch, sliding pole
Panels	Store Front, Driving Panel	Panel Ladder
Bridge	Arch Bridge	
Notes	3 slides 48" or lower	Active Series Syclone Spinner
Age Group	5-12 yrs	5-12 yrs
Total Components	9	9
Price	\$13,808	\$12,776

Save Thousands By Installing Your Playground Equipment As a Community Build

One of the best ways to stretch your playground budget is by having a community build to **install your playground equipment**. Considering installations run between 25-40% of your total budget, it can be a disappointment to know that \$6000 of a \$10000 budget actually goes toward the equipment, while the rest is applied to installation/shipping/mulch/borders/taxes, etc. Those who install their own playground gain a sense of ownership and responsibility toward the finished project, and the pride felt by the volunteers in their accomplishment translates into pride toward the school or the community. You'd be surprised the number of people willing and able to put their tools & efforts to work.

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What is needed for your playground installation: Unfortunately, the major power tools should be left at home. The only major tools/equipment (assuming the site is level) are an auger/bobcat and a great attitude. Depending on the scale of your installation, the community build can be completed in a day or two (weather & volunteers permitting). Usually, the day prior to build is spent laying and punching the holes; prepping the components; and laying out the equipment in advance of your volunteers. The key to organization is having activities for everyone to do, without requiring a lot of cooks in the kitchen. The groups can be split into teams to tackle the various phases:

- offloading and unpacking and sorting equipment
- site preparation
- post and platform assembly
- panel and component assembly
- borders and mulch installation team
- 1 or 2 runners for hardware/tooling drinks & food
- Project managers to coordinate the event.

The most important priority is to remember that this should be FUN!!!! Ask local companies to donate goods or services to the Build Day, from construction materials to food and beverages. Offer free publicity or advertising on your playspace's signage as an extra enticement. Here are a few more tips:

1. Check before you dig!!!! Call ahead to have your local services identified on your build site—includes sprinkler lines
2. Verify that your design plans and installation instructions are in-line with site
3. Offload and secure equipment until build day
4. Review all of the installation instructions thoroughly before build day
5. Make sure the site has been prepared properly, i.e. less than 2% grade
6. Secure area off for 72 hrs to allow concrete to cure
7. Secure area from access if no surfacing has been installed
8. Provide adequate dumpster and haul off packaging

COMMUNITY BUILD PLAYGROUND

TOOLS & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Customer to dig and clean holes and remove spoils. This must be done a minimum of one day before the actual build day. Customer is responsible to meet and unload truck and assist in sorting hardware if we are providing supervision on build day.
2. Manufacturer Representatives will assist and laser holes in some cases if we are also providing supervision.

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3. Customer to provide and install concrete and provide 2" thick concrete paver blocks (stepping stones) to be placed in the bottom of the main structure holes.

4. Recommended Tools:

- a. 14" - 18" Auger bit - 12" minimum - Recommend using a Bobcat with auger attachment
- b. Post hole diggers - 2 or 3
- c. Tape Measures - Long and Short
- d. 2 Foot Level - 1 or 2
- e. 4 Foot Level - 1 or 2
- f. Ladders - 2 each 6 foot or 8 foot or possible other heights
- g. Torpedo Levels - 12" Magnetic - 2-3
- h. Various Shovels and Garden Rakes
- i. Ratchets Wrenches 3/8" - 4-5
- j. 9/16" sockets - 4-5
- k. Electric Drills - 2 - Don't recommend cordless
- l. 1/4" Drill Bits - 4-5
- m. Extension Cords
- n. Water Hose and Nozzle
- o. Wheel Barrow - 3-4
- p. Pry Bar (Digging Bar) 6 foot - 1 - CRITICAL
- q. Concrete
- r. 2 - 4 8ft pressure treated 2 x 4's
- s. 2 Tables 3x6 or 3x8 in width and length or 2 picnic tables.
- t. 2 Long handle sledge hammers if plastic border timbers ordered
- u. 4-6 Milk crates used for various purposes

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