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Playground Planning **CHECKLIST**

Needs Assessment • Budget • Equipment • Play Area Sketch

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Playground location: _____
Time frame for completion: _____
Person in charge: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____ Fax: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

A look at the factors affecting the design of your new playground.

- A. How many children will be using the playground at any one time? _____
- B. What is their age distribution? (check all that apply) 0-2 years 2-5 years 5-12 years
CPSC and ASTM I recommend that separate play areas be created for each age group with age-appropriate equipment for each.
- C. What special needs or disabilities should be considered? _____
Proposed legislation mandates that portions of all new playgrounds be accessible to children with disabilities. Your playground consultant will assist you in meeting all requirements of the law as well as the spirit of equal play for all children.
- D. What local codes or requirements must be considered? _____
- E. What existing equipment is to be retained? _____
- F. Has the equipment to be retained been audited to current standards and guidelines? yes no
If not, when will this be done? _____
- G. Will this equipment be updated and remain on the playground? _____
- H. What are the exact dimensions and shape of the play area? _____
Include a sketch using the graph on the back of this guide. Your Playworld Systems Playground Consultant will assist you free of charge, if so desired.
- I. What underground utilities, pipelines, etc. must be considered? _____

BUDGET

The budget includes several expense categories which need to be considered in the planning stages.

- A. \$ _____ **Play equipment and freight to your site**
This figure can be supplied by your Playworld Systems Playground Consultant after you have designed your playground.
- B. \$ _____ **Site preparation**
This can vary greatly, depending upon the amount of grading, excavation, etc. that is necessary to prepare a level site for your play equipment. Your consultant or local contractor will be good sources of advice.
- C. \$ _____ **Installation**
Determine if you will do your own installation using the detailed instructions provided by Playworld Systems or have the system installed for you. Costs vary greatly by area, but are generally from 25% - 45% of the cost of the play equipment.
- D. \$ _____ **Surfacing**
Every playground must have resilient surfacing for the safety of your children. These surfaces vary from inexpensive materials like sand or wood mulch, to more costly materials like recycled rubber padding. Certain portions of the play area must be accessible. Your playground consultant can guide you through the entire process and keep costs as reasonable as possible.
- E. \$ _____ **GRAND TOTAL**

NOTE: If current funding does not allow for the playground of your choice, consider "phasing", a program that takes your ultimate playground and divides it into two or more phases that can be purchased as your funds become available. Ask your Playworld Systems Consultant for details.

NEW EQUIPMENT PREFERENCES

The fun part - where you select the types of play activities that you and your children want to feature on your new play equipment.

A. Modular Playstructures consist of linked posts and decks at various heights with a variety of play events attached. Using your Playworld Systems Catalog, refer to the "Play Components" section and write down the play activities that you most desire on your playstructure. Playworld Systems and your playground consultant will use this list to create a custom-designed structure that meets the unique needs of your age group, budget, and site.

Post Type: Steel Aluminum

Design Concept: Post & Platform GroundZero® SkyTowers® CityScapes™ Combination

ADA Accessible Activities:

Slides: _____

Activity Panels/Enclosures:

Climbers: _____

Overhead Events: (appropriate only for children over 5 years)

Balance Activities: _____

Early Childhood Equipment:

Other Items: _____

B. Independent Play Activities: Stand-alone items can be used to complement a modular playstructure, used singularly or in groups.

- The Triple Shootout Themed Play Activities Slides Swings Toss-Up Crawl Tubes
 Spring Mates®/Riders Seesaws & Bouncers Climbers Sand Play Action Vehicles Bob

C. Site & Park Furnishings: Our collection includes both classic and contemporary designs to complement any recreational site. Choose from our line of PVC-coated perforated steel, recycled plastic or aluminum, all designed to provide long lasting beauty, comfort, and functionality.

- Gazebo Picnic Tables Benches Custom-Lettered Benches Park Equipment

D. Sports & Fitness Equipment: Are made of the same super-durable materials used for our playstructures to complement any recreational area.

- Obstacle Course Physical Fitness Sports Equipment WorldTrail WorldFit

E. Other Site Items:

- Border Timbers Cushion Play® Surfacing Risk-Management Signs _____

F. Color Combinations: Are endless for creating a fantastic playstructure. Use your Playworld Systems Catalog as a starting point. List your post, component, and plastic color choices. Then let our team of designers create a custom 3-D rendering in your color combination.

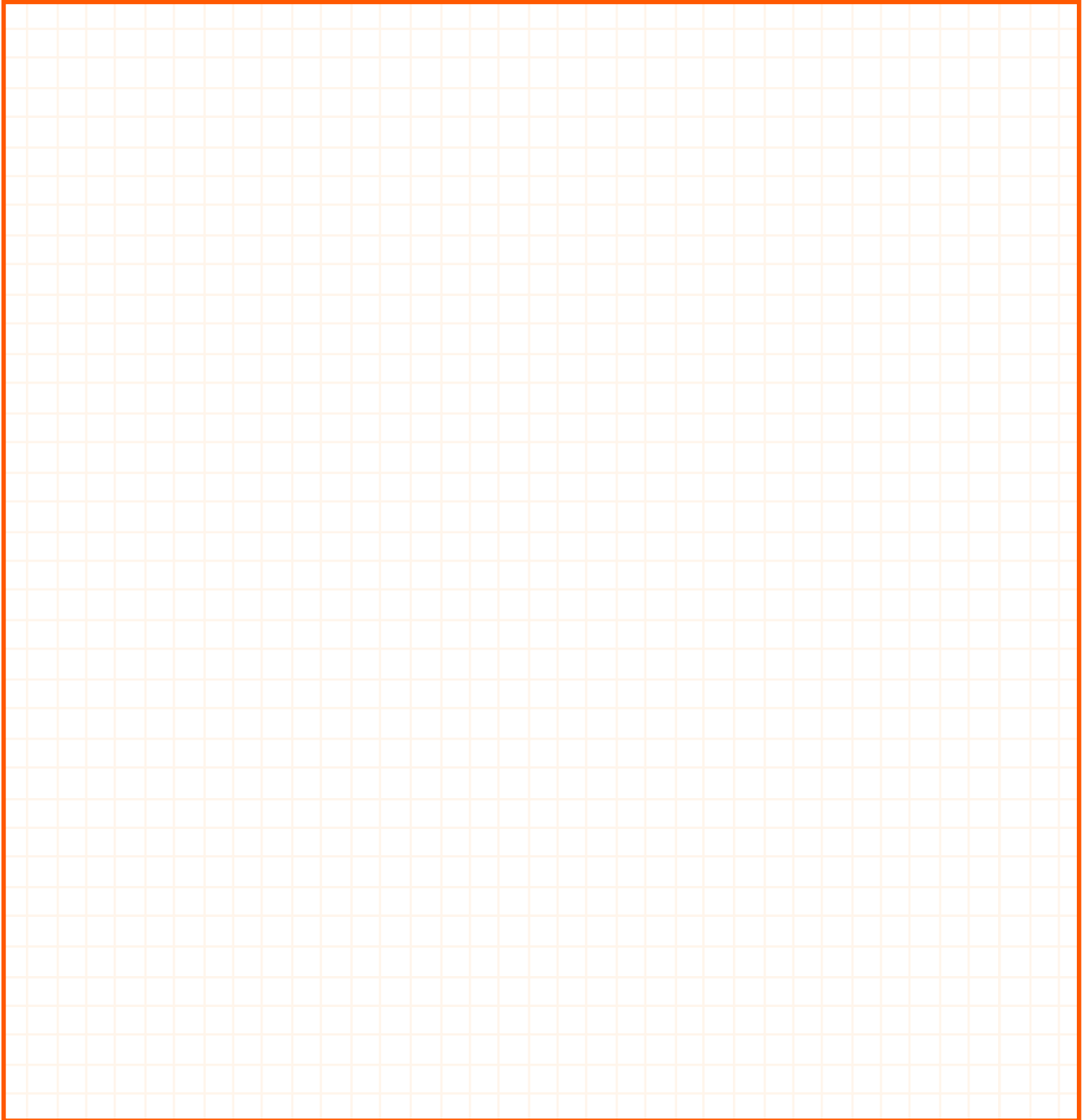
Posts: _____ Components: _____

Plastics: _____ , _____

A SKETCH OF YOUR PLAY AREA

Please show the exact dimensions and shape of your play area and note the location of any underground utilities, pipelines, etc. Locate and mark any existing trees or shrubs that may be close to your play area.

3/16 inch = 1 foot

A large rectangular area filled with a light orange grid pattern, intended for sketching the play area. The grid is composed of small squares, with each square representing 3/16 of an inch.

Is there anything else we need to know about your new playground that will be helpful in designing it for you?



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