If budget is the main concern, Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) may be a good choice for your play area. It is one of the most affordable surfacing options from an initial investment standpoint, but will require additional maintenance hours over its lifetime.

EWF is a natural material made from “size-controlled” pieces of wood, and wood fines to help aid compaction. It provides an acceptable accessible route of travel when installed correctly, and properly maintained, as opposed to wood chunks or mulch. Because it is a natural material, it will decompose over time and require topping off to maintain the depth required for the specific fall height of equipment. It will also need to be raked regularly, especially in high traffic areas, like under swings or at the base of slides.

We recommend EWF as part of a complete system, to include geotextile barrier fabric, drainage system, wear mats, and curbs to extend the life and warranty of your surfacing.

Basics at a glance

Ideal for: Play areas where initial budgets are limited
Price: Lower range
Materials: Shredded wood and wood fines
Colors: No options
Warranty: 15 Years product/25 years product as part of complete system.
Maintenance: High
Meets: ASTM F2075, ASTM F1292, ASTM F1951, ASTM F1487

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