

# Wood Vs. Rubber Mulch

Loose-fill surfacing is generally the most economical of all playground surfacing options. Due to its mobile nature, some regular maintenance is required to ensure it remains dispersed evenly around your play space. A playground border is recommended for these surfacing options.



## Wood Mulch | \$1-\$3 per Sq. Ft.

### Pros:

- 100% natural product
- Contains no chemicals
- Environmentally safe
- Designed for playgrounds
- Meets non-flammability standards
- Budget-friendly
- Great for trails

### Cons:

- Will decompose over time
- Requires a top-off once or twice a year
- Can be washed away
- Wears down quickly
- Will absorb moisture and freeze in cold weather
- Requires more maintenance



## Rubber Mulch | \$5-\$7 per Sq. Ft.

### Pros:

- Impact Attenuation
- Will not break down
- No color transfer
- Designed for playgrounds
- Will not float, blow away or attract insects
- Budget-friendly
- Low maintenance

### Cons:

- Higher initial cost
- May get uncomfortably hot in the Summer
- Susceptible to displacement in high traffic zones
- Some color fading can occur

## Cost Savings Analysis

Up up **59% Savings** over 12 Yrs. with Rubber Mulch!

