



PLAYHOUSE CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

To ensure your house can be installed in the Center and for the safety of visitors and your playhouses, please follow these guidelines. If your playhouse does not meet the guidelines, it will not be considered a viable entry

Measurements:

Maximum Height: 8'0" Maximum Width: 7'6" Maximum Length: 8'6"

Please remember to account for the roof, overhangs, eaves, porch, planters, chimneys, etc. These measurements are required to allow your playhouse to fit through the doors, fit within NorthPark lease restrictions that bar them from blocking merchant signs, and fit within most winners' Home Owner Association rules regarding structures exceeding fence lines, etc.

Materials:

Playhouses should be designed for outdoor use, utilizing materials that will withstand the elements. **Playhouses are moved into NorthPark Center by manpower and forklift. Please consider the weight and construction design of your playhouse while maintaining quality construction and appearance.** This is equally important once the owners take the playhouses to their homes, as most yards are not accessible to trucks or forklifts. Please stay away from any heavy materials like stucco, slate, stone or steel.

Exposed Dangers:

Your playhouse will be viewed and touched by thousands. Please pay special attention to exposed corners, sharp edges, and unfinished materials. You must have a door handle that has a locking mechanism to prevent entry while on display - consider this as part of your design requirements. **If your playhouse has accessible windows or an open door, all openings must be securely covered with ¼" plexiglas (or thicker).** This is a safety requirement for NorthPark and prevents damage to your house.

Signage:

Dallas CASA will provide all signage to conform to requirements from NorthPark. There should be no company name or advertisements on the playhouse.

Appearance:

Each playhouse is considered a piece of art by NorthPark, their visitors, and the winners. Please keep this in mind when choosing a design, painting, and finishing the playhouse. Please ensure your design will safe for children to explore while on display.

Transportation:

The playhouses will be delivered to NorthPark between from 7 am to 3 pm on Tuesday, July 30 and 7 am to 3 pm on Wednesday, July 31. Life of an Architect will arrange to have your playhouse delivered to NorthPark.