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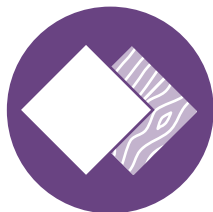
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Picnic Tables Buying Guide



Picnic tables are a staple to any outdoor playground or park. They offer durable space for people to sit and rest, enjoy a picnic or socialize. Plus, picnic tables offer a long-lasting workspace to any outdoor classroom. Today, picnic tables are available in a plethora of shapes, sizes and colors, and in a variety of durable materials such as aluminum or recycled plastic. Our guide will help you determine what type of picnic tables work best in your outdoor space.

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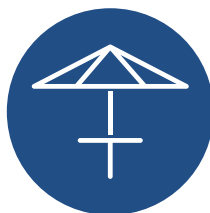
Consider how your picnic tables will be used and in what weather conditions. This will help you determine which frame material is best for your outdoor space: steel, aluminum, wood or recycled plastic.



Picnic tables have three mounting options: surface-mount, in-ground or portable. Portable tables can be moved anytime. Surface-mount tables are bolted to the ground but can be moved with basic tools. In-ground tables are permanent and cannot be moved once installed.



Picnic tables with smooth tops are ideal for outdoor crafts or activities that involve writing or drawing, while picnic tables with perforated or textured tops are better for eating and socializing.



If you plan to place your picnic tables in areas with little to no shade, it's a smart idea to invest in tables with an umbrella hole. Most umbrella holes are 1.75 to 2-inches in diameter – be sure to double check before you make any purchases.

Types of Picnic Tables



Recycled Plastic Picnic Tables

Recycled plastic picnic tables aren't just eco-friendly: they're durable, virtually maintenance free and available in a variety of colors. These tables are primarily made from recycled plastic water bottles and milk jugs. (Fun fact: it takes 6,300 milk jugs to make one 6-foot picnic table!) Recycled plastic picnic tables can be easily cleaned with soap and water and will not rot, splinter or rust over time.

[Shop Recycled Plastic Picnic Tables](#)



Metal Picnic Tables

Metal picnic tables are typically steel or aluminum with a thermoplastic or paint coating for extra durability and protection against the elements. Aluminum tables are rust resistant and weigh less than the average table, making them an excellent choice if your picnic tables need to be moved often. Steel picnic tables are durable, long-lasting and have expanded metal or perforated metal tops that drain water during rainy months. Expanded metal has a lattice pattern and is less expensive than perforated metal but is more institutional looking. Perforated metal, which is stamped with holes, offers a more stylized look.

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Rectangle Picnic Tables

Rectangle picnic tables are a classic choice and ideal for big groups. Rectangle tables offer plenty of tabletop and bench space for users to spread out and eat, socialize and work. Shop rectangular picnic tables in all sizes, styles and colors.

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Round Picnic Tables

Round picnic tables are great for smaller groups of people. These tables are conducive to collaboration and sharing and are a smart choice if you plan to use your picnic tables for outdoor group work. Choose between round picnic tables with bench seating or attached chairs for back support.

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Square Picnic Tables

Square picnic tables are another excellent choice for small groups. Square tables offer bench seating with or without back support and are available in all sizes, styles and colors to suit any outdoor space.

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Preschool Picnic Tables

Preschool picnic tables are sized specifically for small children. A preschool picnic table's small design prevents children from slipping in between the bench seat and tabletop, as the gap isn't as wide as it is on an adult table. Preschool tables are available in a variety of shapes and fun colors to brighten any playground or outdoor classroom.

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Portable Picnic Tables

Portable picnic tables are not anchored to the ground in any way, unlike surface mount or in-ground picnic tables. This makes portable picnic tables an ideal choice if the design of your outdoor space changes frequently. Although these tables aren't anchored to the ground, many have steel frames and can weigh over 200 pounds – and therefore are not prone to theft or movement.

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ADA Accessible Picnic Tables

ADA accessible picnic tables ensure that people of all abilities have a place to sit and enjoy themselves. These tables are designed with either extended tops or without bench seating to easily accommodate a wheelchair. Many tables are available in both a standard and ADA design to ensure there is a cohesive look to your park or playground.

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