

The Ultimate Trampoline Buyers Guide!





Hello There!

Few outdoor activities offer the pure exhilaration of bouncing on a trampoline. Whether you're a first-time buyer or in search of an upgrade, choosing the right trampoline is a significant decision. However, navigating the trampoline market can be daunting, with complex choices and safety concerns. That's where our "Ultimate Trampoline Buying Guide" becomes your trusted advisor.

This Guide is the result of Springfree Trampoline's extensive research, expert insights, and commitment to simplifying the trampoline buying process.

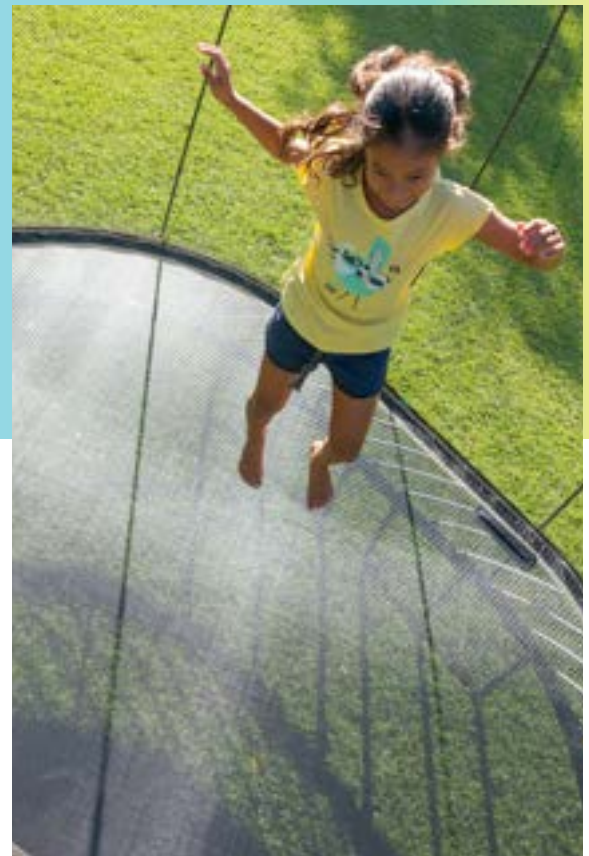
Our goal is to give you all the knowledge you need to make an informed decision—while saving you time!

Within this Guide, you'll discover a wealth of information, from the types of trampolines available to essential safety features and budget considerations.

Why Choose A Trampoline?

A trampoline isn't just for fun—it's a brilliant way to get kids (and adults!) outdoors and active.

Whether you're a parent focused on safety, a fitness enthusiast looking for a new challenge, or a family eager to add some energy to your garden, the right trampoline can transform your outdoor space.



SO LET'S JUMP IN & GET STARTED!

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Types of Trampoline

To start you'll need to determine which type of trampoline suits your needs. There are eight different trampoline types to consider:

- Toddler Trampolines
- Mini-Trampolines (Rebounders)
- Outdoor Spring Trampolines
- Outdoor Springless Trampolines
- Outdoor Above-Ground Trampolines
- Outdoor Inground Trampolines
- Gymnastic Trampolines
- Water Trampolines





Outdoor Spring Trampolines

These trampolines use metal springs to produce the bounce and are the traditional outdoor garden trampoline design. These trampolines have been sold commercially since the mid-20th century.

Outdoor Springless Trampolines

Designed for safety, springless trampolines eliminate metal springs, a common source of trampoline injuries. Alternatives, like flexible composite mat rods or elastic bands, are used to replace the springs.





Outdoor Above Ground Trampolines

These trampolines sit above the ground, making them a popular and practical choice due to easier installation.

Outdoor Inground Trampoline

Installed in the ground, these trampolines are akin to swimming pool installations. While inground trampolines cost more and require extensive effort, they offer benefits like accessibility and aesthetics.



Finding the Right Trampoline Size

Next, you will need to assess which size of trampoline you need. There are four main components to a trampoline's size, and we will go over each of them:

- Garden Space
- Jumpers Age and Future Growth
- Trampoline Weight Limit
- Jumping Room

Garden Space

The first step to finding the right size trampoline is measuring the size of your garden that you want to dedicate to trampoline jumping. This step is crucial, so let's break down how to do it accurately:



How to Measure For a Trampoline

Step 1:

First, find the spot in your garden where you want to place the trampoline. We recommend that you find an area that is clear of branches, debris, fences and slopes.

Here are some further recommendations for finding a spot: to do it accurately:

- Find a spot that is flat and even (if the space you have isn't level, we recommend the rise/gradient be no more than three degrees across the whole space. We don't advise installing a trampoline where the slope is greater than that).
- Safe lateral clearance space is ideally 1/1.5M on all sides of the trampoline. The 1/1.5M of clearance space doesn't have to be empty, just no hard items like a fence!

Step 2:

Next, grab your measuring tape and measure the length and width of the area you want designate to the Trampoline.

Step 3:

Once you have the measurement, add ideally 1/1.5M more to all sides to the overall size so you have enough clearance space to safely put the trampoline in the desired area.

TOP TIP!

Consider the shape of the trampoline that best suits your outdoor space. If you have a long, narrow garden, an oval trampoline might be the right choice. For those considering corner placement, rectangle or square trampolines work well.

Jumpers' Age & Future Growth

Consider the age of the people who will be using the trampoline and possibly how long you think they will use it for... future proofing your purchase. If you're buying for young children, think about their physical development as they grow. With trampolines, it's better to have a "grow into" mentality rather than a "grow out of" one. For instance, if you have a nine-year-old and envision them using the trampoline throughout their childhood, it's wise to opt for a big trampoline (provided you have the space). This also stretches the value of your investment.



Trampoline Weight Limit

Every trampoline comes with a weight limit, a crucial factor to ponder before making a purchase. Exceeding a trampoline's weight limit can lead to accidents, like falling through the trampoline. There are two weight limits for a trampoline:

- A total static weight limit and an individual jumper weight limit. It's good to consider both.
- Weight limits vary by brand, so conduct thorough research to find one that accommodates the users' weight. Remember, if you have growing children, plan ahead!

Jumping Room

Another consideration for trampoline size relates to the amount of jumping space you need. Here's a little-known secret: many trampoline manufacturers don't accurately state the jumping space on their trampolines.

Take a look at the spring trampoline to the right and we'll explain: Notice how the springs take up nearly two feet of jumping space?! ***So, even though it's labelled as a 13-foot trampoline, you're effectively only getting 11 feet of jumping room!***



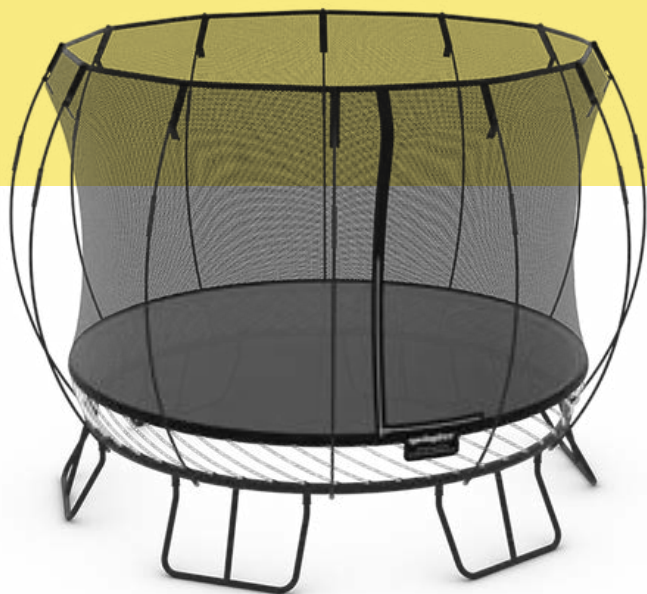
Our springless trampolines don't have this issue: They may have a smaller overall footprint but provide more surface area to jump on. Keep this in mind, particularly if you require ample jumping space, which is essential for aspiring gymnasts and athletes!



Think of springless trampolines like an ***edge-to-edge pizza***, while spring trampolines are like a pizza with a ***massive doughy crust***. You get more pizza, and less bread, with springless trampolines.

Trampoline Shape

Finally, the shape of the trampoline you buy is important, more important than you may think!

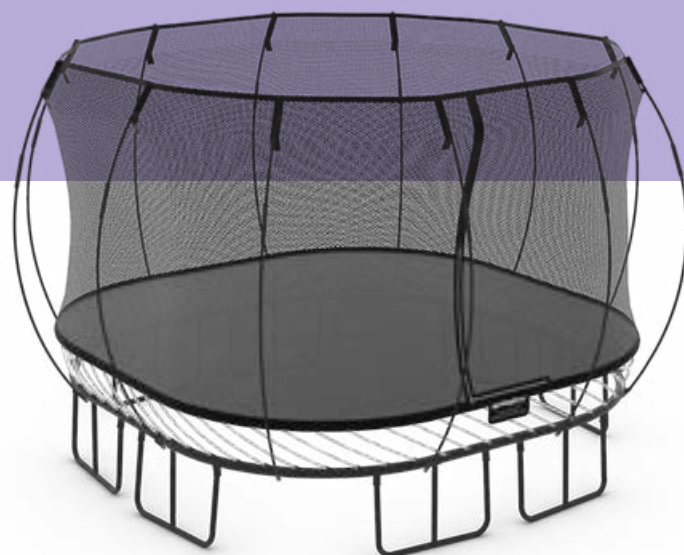


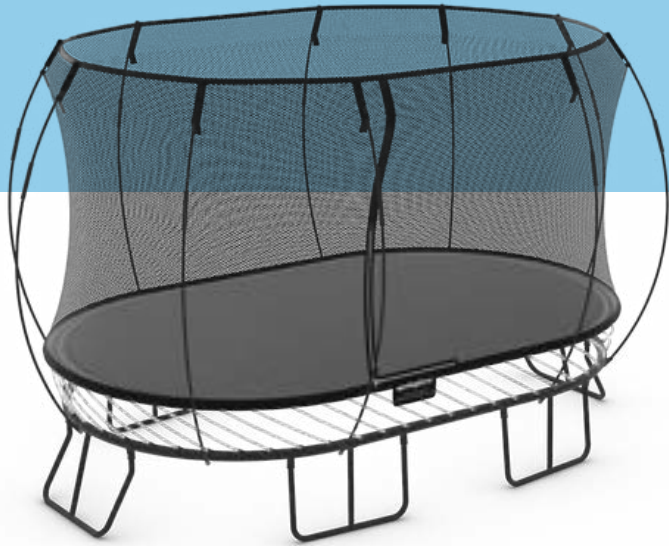
Round Trampolines

Traditional trampoline shape that is suitable for young children and recreational use. The circular design naturally directs jumpers towards the center of the trampoline.

Square Trampolines

A unique shape, perfect for jumpers who require plenty of room. They also provide a good middle ground between round and rectangular trampolines, offering a blend of space and bounce quality



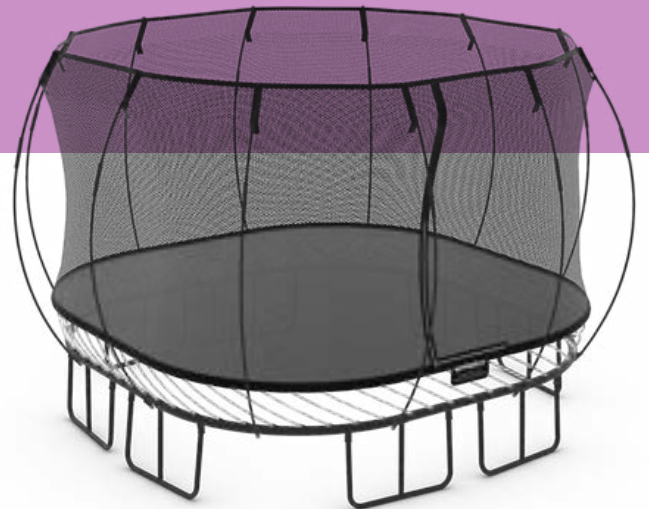


Oval Trampolines

Great for recreational use and narrow gardens. Oval trampolines are suitable for a variety of activities, from recreational bouncing to practicing basic gymnastics.

Rectangle Trampolines

A unique shape, perfect for jumpers who require plenty of room. Their rectangular shape provides a larger usable jumping area compared to round trampolines.



Rectangle and square trampolines ***maximise the jumping surface*** the most because they fill in the corners that an oval or round trampoline cuts out. Your choice of trampoline type and shape will depend on ***your goals and usage***. The following sections will help narrow down your selection if you haven't already!

Trampoline Safety

Now, let's dive into the critical topic of trampoline safety. Yes, trampolines can pose risks, with approximately 100,000 trampoline-related injuries reported annually, according to various sources and our internal data. However, you can take proactive steps to minimise these risks.

Buying a Safe Trampoline

When seeking a safe trampoline, keep an eye out for the following key features:

- **An enclosure net** that flexes and/or is made from strong, UV-resistant material.
- **No springs** or quality safety padding over the springs (you also want to see the springs outside of the mat area).
- **The use of enclosure rods** or non-static poles that are padded.
- **A shock-absorbent trampoline mat** with no hard edges.
- **A galvanized trampoline frame** that is padded or hidden.
- The use of **weather-resistant, rust-resistant and UV-protected materials**.

You will also need to get the right-sized trampoline that **accommodates your jumpers** and can be safely placed in your garden. Cheap trampolines typically don't include all these features, and if they do, they may not be of the same quality. If safety is paramount for you, buying a high-quality trampoline would be **well worth the investment**.

FlexiNet

Specifically made with flexibility and no climbing in mind; cushions wayward jumpers and prevents falls to the ground.

Mat with SoftEdge

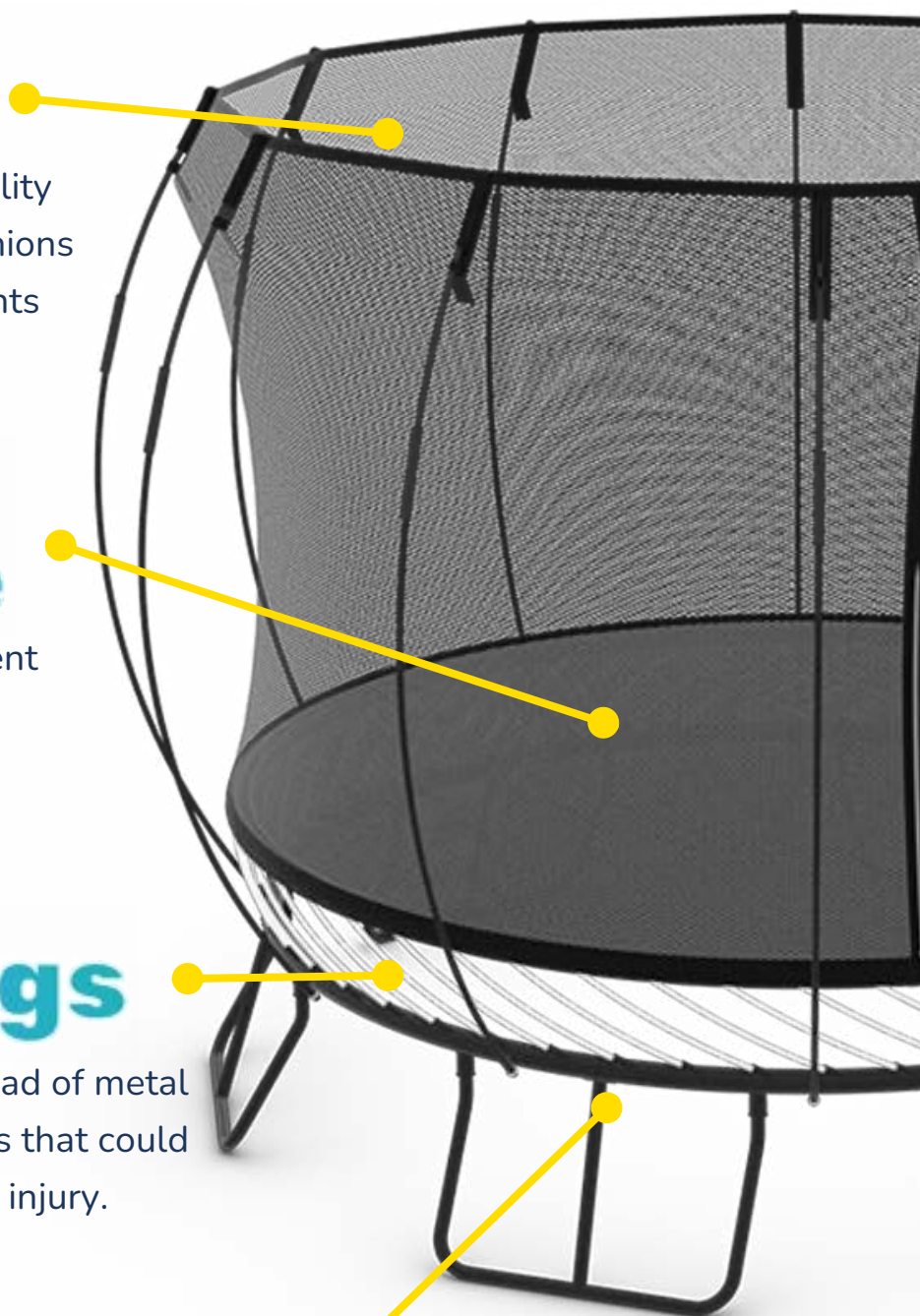
30 times more shock absorbent than pads, the SoftEdge mat eliminates hard edges at the jumping surface.

No Springs

Flexible composite rods instead of metal springs eliminate pinch points that could trap feet or toes and result in injury.

Hidden Frame

The frame has three layers of rust protection that won't flake or peel. Plus, it's positioned below the jumping surface where it's impossible to fall on.



Trampoline Safety Rules

After purchasing a safe trampoline, another key aspect of staying safe on a trampoline is establishing and adhering to safety rules.

1. One jumper at a time.
2. No flips or stunts unless trained.
3. Avoid wrestling.
4. No pets!
5. Do a monthly cleaning/inspection for your trampoline.
6. Supervise young children at all times.
7. Never go underneath the trampoline.
8. Jump in the center of the mat (the safest part of the trampoline).
9. Enter/exit safely; use a trampoline ladder if needed.
10. Set expectations for your child on rule-following and the consequences if they are not followed, ie possible injuries

So, buying a safe trampoline and following basic trampoline safety rules will eliminate many of the possible risks for accidents



Trampoline Quality & Durability

Next, you must consider the quality of the trampoline and how long it will last. Let's start with the importance of how the trampoline is built.

What Makes a High-Quality Trampoline?

Certain features separate high-quality trampolines from low or average-quality trampolines. Here's a checklist to identify a quality trampoline:

- **Frame:** Look for a powder-coated galvanized steel trampoline frame that resists rust and provides structural integrity. It's even better if the frame is located safely from the jumping surface.
- **Enclosure Net:** Ensure the enclosure net is strong, flexible, and UV-resistant.
- **Safety Padding:** Opt for trampolines with either a springless design or sturdy safety padding that covers the springs outside of the net.
- **Enclosure Poles:** Choose trampolines with curved or well-padded poles (or enclosure rods on springless trampolines).



- **Mat:** Check for a UV-resistant mat with no hard edges.
- **Metal Parts:** Ensure all metal parts are UV-resistant.
- **Warranty:** A quality trampoline should come with a long warranty on all parts (5-10 years).
- **Weight Limit:** Look for a trampoline with a high individual trampoline weight limit.
- **Safety Standards:** Make sure the trampoline meets all ASTM Trampoline Standards.
- **Customer Service:** Higher-quality trampolines typically have a full-service support program (warranty support, spare parts, maintenance advice, relocation services) should anything arise after purchase.

The quality of a trampoline directly impacts its safety. Jumping on a poorly constructed trampoline will significantly increase your risk of injury.

Trampoline Durability & Longevity

Trampoline durability is influenced by the materials used in its construction and exposure to weather conditions. **UV light** from the sun is a major threat, weakening materials over time. **Saltwater** can corrode the frame. **Harsh weather** may also affect trampolines; even some of the highest-quality trampolines can be affected by a ruthless storm.

Buying weather-related trampoline accessories or properly storing the trampoline are some of the actions you can take to make sure it holds up during challenging weather.

How the trampoline is ***built and designed*** is a direct factor in how long the parts of a trampoline will last, which is directly related to how long the trampoline will last. For example:

- On a high-quality trampoline, the frame can last for **10-20 years**, the mat can last for 5-10 years, the springs for 5-10 years and the enclosure net for 5-10 years.
- On a low-quality trampoline, the frame may only last for **5-10 years**, the mat for 1-5 years, the springs for 1-3 years and the net for a couple of months to a year.

How Long Do Trampolines Last?

A good baseline average timeframe for a regular outdoor trampoline would be **3-8 years**. Here are some estimated time ranges so you get a feel for how long trampolines last:

- **Cheap trampolines:** 1-3 years
- **Average trampolines:** 3-8 years
- **High-quality trampolines:** 5-10+ years
- **Above-ground trampolines:** 1-10+ years
- **Inground trampolines** (trampolines installed in the ground): 5-10+ years

For long-term use, investing in a high-quality trampoline is recommended. It ensures safety, peace of mind, and minimal maintenance for years of enjoyable jumping.



Trampoline Accessories

Once you've considered the essential factors for your trampoline purchase, it's time to think about the accessories that can enhance your trampoline experience.

Trampoline accessories can accomplish many things: They can elevate the level of fun, help a smaller child climb onto the trampoline safely and help further secure your trampoline against the weather, such as heavy winds. Here are some of the common trampoline accessories you can buy:

Trampoline Basketball Hoop



Adds a new level of fun and excitement.

Trampoline Ladder



Helps young children safely get on and off the trampoline.

Trampoline Anchors



Provides extra stability and security, especially in windy conditions.

Trampoline Wheels



Make it easier to move the trampoline on your own.

Trampoline Sunshade



Protects the mat and metal parts from overheating during hot weather.

Trampoline Cover



Ideal for seasonal maintenance, long-term storage, harsh weather, or extended holidays.

Trampoline Storage Bag



Convenient for keeping toys and smaller trampoline accessories organised.

Trampoline Ball & Pump



Adds a new play activity for kids.

Trampoline Slide



Enhances the excitement by adding a sliding element to the trampoline.

Trampoline Lights



Illuminate the trampoline for nighttime jumping sessions.

Trampoline Tent



Fully encloses the trampoline for a unique outdoor experience.

Trampoline Sprinkler



Creates a water play area on the trampoline for hot days.

While not everyone may require all these accessories, they can significantly impact a trampoline's safety, durability, and overall enjoyment.

Trampoline Installation & Maintenance

When it comes to buying a trampoline, the often-overlooked factors of installation and maintenance play a significant role. Let's delve into trampoline installation considerations.

Trampoline Installation

Before purchasing, these installation factors should be on your radar:

Location: Make sure you have picked a safe location that is flat and has 1/1.5M of clearance space on each side.

Type of Trampoline: Assess, what type of trampoline you are installing and how complicated the installation process will be. High-quality trampolines, like Springfree Trampolines, will be more difficult to assemble than cheap spring trampolines. Inground trampolines will always need to be professionally installed.

Trampoline Assembly: Determine whether you'll assemble the trampoline yourself or hire professionals. Some trampolines come with installation services. If you choose DIY, follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully or look for 3D interactive instructions as seen on the BILT APP!

Timeline: Do you want the trampoline set up right away? Hiring professionals sometimes means you must wait for installation.

Trampoline Disassembly: If you reside in an area prone to harsh weather, plan for disassembly and storage if necessary. If relocation is in the cards, consider this aspect too.



Properly installing your trampoline is one of the key things you can do to ensure jumper safety on a trampoline. DO NOT take this part lightly! Make sure you have the time and skills to assemble the trampoline correctly. If not, hiring professional trampoline installers may be the best choice.



Trampoline Maintenance

Consider these essential trampoline maintenance factors before making your purchase:

Trampoline Quality: In comparison to high-quality trampolines, low-quality (cheap) trampolines generally require more maintenance.

Warranty Duration: Review the trampoline's warranty period. This gives insight into when you might need to replace trampoline parts due to wear and tear.

Environmental Factors: Assess your local environment. Depending on weather conditions, you may need trampoline accessories like covers or anchors to protect it from the elements.

Debris Management: Choose a location for your trampoline where leaves and debris won't accumulate on the mat quickly, reducing the need for frequent cleaning.

Manufacturer's Guidance: Before purchasing, check for maintenance instructions provided by the manufacturer. Following these guidelines ensures proper care and longevity for your trampoline.

Taking these maintenance considerations into account will let you know how much maintenance will be required to make your trampoline last.

Top Tip:

To prolong the life of your trampoline, replace trampoline parts when you notice them failing. Do a regular "Health-Check" for your trampoline to assess any issues. While trampoline installation and maintenance aren't the most important factors in buying a trampoline, we believe they are factors you must consider before purchasing.



Budget Considerations

When it comes to buying a trampoline, the often-overlooked factors of installation and maintenance play a significant role. While a trampoline's cost is undoubtedly important for many buyers, the six factors we've discussed earlier take precedence when seeking a trampoline that ensures fun, safety, and longevity.

By carefully considering these initial factors, you'll may find yourself being prepared to spend more for the PERFECT trampoline.

Let's delve into the topic of trampoline cost in greater detail.

How Much Does a Trampoline Cost?

The primary factor influencing trampoline cost is the type of trampoline you're considering. Below, you'll find various types of trampolines along with their typical price ranges:

- **Above-ground traditional, spring-based trampolines:** £200-£2,500+
- **Above-ground springless trampolines:** £800-£4,000+
- **Inground Trampolines:** £1000-£5,000+
- **Mini trampolines (rebounders):** £40-£350+

Trampoline Cost Factors

Here's a list of all the pertinent factors that add to the total cost of the trampoline:

Quality of Materials and Safety

Features: High-quality materials and advanced trampoline safety features can increase the cost.

Brand of Trampoline: Established trampoline brands may have higher price tags.

Size and Shape of the Trampoline:

Larger or uniquely shaped trampolines will cost more.

Design of the Trampoline: Specialized designs (springless trampolines) or unique aesthetics can affect the price. Customizing your trampoline will also affect the price (Springfree is the only brand that offers advanced customization).

New or Used: Used trampolines may be more budget-friendly but can have limitations.

Time of Purchase: Discounts and sales can impact the price at different times of the year.

Accessories or Upgrades: Additional features or trampoline accessories add to the total cost.

Installation Costs: Professional trampoline assembly services will come at an extra cost.





How Much Should You Pay for a Trampoline?

The cost of a trampoline is a multifaceted consideration, primarily determined by your trampoline preferences.

If your goal is finding the most budget-friendly option, you can typically locate trampolines in the £200-£300 range at major retailers. However, it's crucial to note that cheaper options often come with increased risks of injury and product wear and tear.

For those prioritizing safety and durability, expect to invest in the higher price ranges, often reaching the high hundreds or even thousands, depending on the factors we've discussed earlier. Generally, better quality comes with a higher price tag.

Our recommendation at Springfree Trampoline is never to compromise on safety. If the upfront cost of a high-quality trampoline is a concern, explore trampoline financing options available at many brands/retailers. Additionally, keep an eye out for trampoline sales during specific times of the year, such as Black Friday/Cyber Monday.

How to Choose The Right Trampoline Brand

Whilst different Trampoline brands excel in specific areas, ultimately, the choice of the right trampoline brand for your family rests with you. Each brand boasts its ***unique strengths***, and the ideal match depends on your ***specific goals***.

Consider your trampoline objectives and pick the brand that aligns most closely with them. Then, assess which trampoline model within that brand's lineup ***best fits your garden and requirements***. Remember that your individual preferences and priorities should guide your choice in finding the ***perfect trampoline brand***.



Where to Buy a Trampoline

We're almost there, you've nearly got all the info you need before getting your trampoline. Now, it's time to decide where to buy it.

Most Common Places to Purchase a Trampoline:

- **Retail Stores:** Many sporting goods stores, department stores, and even big-box retailers carry trampolines. Visit their physical stores or check their websites.
- **Online Retailers:** Websites like Amazon, eBay, and other online marketplaces often have a wide selection of trampolines, allowing you to compare prices and read reviews.
- **Direct from Manufacturers:** You can purchase trampolines directly from the manufacturers' websites, which may offer special deals or customization options.
- **Local Dealers:** Check if there are local dealers or distributors in your area. They can provide guidance and may have models available for you to see in person.
- **Secondhand Market:** You can also look for used trampolines on platforms like Facebook Marketplace, or at garage sales. Be sure to inspect them carefully for safety and quality.

For various reasons, where you buy a trampoline can influence a lot of elements of your trampoline purchase. This includes **shipping and delivery, stock and pricing**. Odds are, you won't have much luck seeing the trampoline you want fully assembled in a store. While the store may have boxes of the trampolines, **they often won't have them displayed**. Our advice is to find the trampoline you want and use online research to compare and find the best prices.

Top Tip:

Black Friday & Cyber Monday are great times to look for trampoline deals! Most consumers buy a trampoline online, but if you prefer to have firsthand experience with the product before purchasing, shopping in-store via a retailer would be your best option.

The Final Jump...

Congratulations! You're now equipped with all the essential knowledge to make a successful trampoline purchase.

To summarise, here are the key takeaways from our Trampoline Buying Guide:

Begin with Research: Start by determining the type of trampoline that suits your needs.

Size Matters: Pay close attention to the trampoline's size, considering your outdoor space, the age and growth of jumpers, weight limits, available jumping room, and the trampoline's shape.

Prioritize Safety: Never compromise on safety. Focus on key safety features and establish ground rules for trampoline use.

Quality Counts: The quality of a trampoline directly impacts its lifespan. Don't compromise on quality.

Accessories Matter: Consider which trampoline accessories can enhance your trampoline experience.

Installation and Maintenance: The underrated trampoline buying factors.

Budget Wisely: Set a budget and strategically make your purchase during times when trampoline sales are prevalent.

Brand Matters: The brand of the trampoline can make a significant difference in terms of quality and support.

Store Selection: Where you buy your trampoline is more crucial than you might think.

You probably didn't expect to read a mini-novel about buying a trampoline. But we hope you've got an insight into how important it is that you get the right trampoline for your family.



The right trampoline keeps your children **safe and jumping** for years to come. It's not always going to be the one that saves you money. We've seen customers make this mistake **too many times** and pay for it dearly. Not with money, but their children's safety.

So remember, choosing the perfect trampoline means looking at **size, shape, safety, and durability**. Whether it's for fitness, fun, or developing gymnastics skills, a high-quality trampoline will provide years of enjoyment. Take the time to find the right model for your family, and you'll soon be bouncing with confidence. Ready to transform your garden into a jumping paradise?

Before you go, we did want to set our stand out and tell you a little bit about Springfree and **why it was designed and created...**

Is a Springfree Trampoline Right for You?

We can 100% claim, backed by independent research, that our springless trampolines are the safest, highest-quality and longest-lasting trampolines you can buy.

Why?

- All our trampolines come with **industry-leading safety features**, like patented composite rods that replace the metal springs, a net that flexes when jumped into, enclosure rods that replace hard metal poles, a frame that cannot be hit by the jumper and a mat with no hard edges.
- They each include **rust-resistant, UV-treated components** that hold against the strongest winds
- They are backed by an **industry-leading 10-year warranty** on all parts and require little maintenance to last for 10+ years.
- **Every single trampoline** is installed and tested at a Springfree Factory, the only trampoline company to do this. **Every Springfree mat is tested to three million jumps.**



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Check out our Springfree Trampolines and see which size fits your garden the best.

Happy Bouncing!

