

Picnic Shelter Installation Guidelines

1. Determining picnic shelter placement
 - a. Picking a location that is as flat as possible will help you more easily meet ADA requirements for access to your picnic shelter.
 - b. Delivery and setting requirements should also be kept in mind not only at the site you have picked but getting to the site. You will be required to provide access for a truck carrying your picnic shelter and a crane. The access road must have a minimum height of 14' 6" and a minimum width of 14'. It must also be able to accommodate a 78' vehicle and its increased turning radius. The site you have picked for your picnic shelter must be able to have both the crane and the truck carrying the picnic shelter in it at the same time. This can generally be done provided two sides of the excavated area are accessible to within 4' and relatively level. Keep in mind any overhead obstructions (electrical wires, tree limbs, etc.) may impede the cranes ability to set the picnic shelter.
 - c. If you have trouble meeting these placement guidelines please contact us so that we may work with you to accommodate your needs. Additional charges may apply.
2. Excavation
 - a. In general, you should plan to have your finished floor height 2" – 6" above the existing grade. Surrounding elevations, ADA accessibility, rain water runoff, and other site specific criteria will help you determine your finished floor elevation.
 - b. The excavation for the picnic shelter should be a minimum of 1' larger on all four sides. Proper bedding material is also important to adequately support the building and ensure a long service life of your picnic shelter against adverse settling. Use 6" of ¾" washed stone overlying a firm and uniform base. Sites with silty soils, high water tables or other poor bearing characteristics must have specially designed bedding and bearing surfaces. Proper compaction of the underlying soils is critical to eliminate later settlement.