

## Which Zoning Districts apply to these standards?

The accessory structure regulations apply to all zoning districts. Please contact the Planning Division for more information.

## Do I Need A Building Permit?

The answer is "It depends." If the accessory structure is 120 square feet or more, and/or you want to have electricity or plumbing in the building, you will need a building permit. However, if the building is under 120 square feet, and it does not have electricity or plumbing, you do not need a building permit.



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## What is an Accessory Structure?

Accessory structures can include sheds, gazebos, arbors, trellises, pools, decks, patios and patio covers, satellite dishes, solar equipment, pergolas, shade canopies and the like. These structures are clearly incidental and secondary to the primary use of the property, usually a single-family home.



## Where can I place my accessory structure?

If you would like to put an accessory structure on your property the allowable location can vary based on a multitude of factors. If the accessory structure is attached to the primary structure or residence, then the setback and height requirement are determined by the applicable Zoning District in which you live.

If the proposed accessory structure is detached from the primary residence, the maximum height allowed is 15-feet.

Structures located in the rear or side yard and **less** than 7-feet in height are not subject to setback requirements.

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and **over** 7-feet in height must maintain a 5-foot setback from all property lines. Front yard entry features, such as trellises, arbors, and arches, cannot exceed a height of 8-feet and a width of 7-feet. The entry feature should emphasize the front door to a residence and is not attached to the building.

The combined maximum square footage of all detached accessory structures exceeding 7-feet shall not exceed 1,000 square feet.

## How Tall Can it Be?

If the proposed accessory structure is detached, than the maximum height allowed by ordinance is 15-feet.

## Exceptions

Residential Estate (R-E) lots :

- Rear yard: 10-feet from property line.
- Interior side yard: 10-feet from property line.
- Corner side yard: As required by the zoning district.
- Front yard: As required by the zoning district.

When a detached accessory structure is taller than 7-feet and abuts a 20-foot public alley, the rear yard setback may be reduced to zero feet (0') for a length not to exceed 1/3 the width of the parcel.

