



PERMIT INFORMATION AND PLANNING



Permitting Your Studio Shed? Start Here.



If you find that you need to permit your Studio Shed, we're here to help. Our design resources and engineering partnerships streamline the permit process for those who want a larger structure, or for those who live in an area with restrictive building codes.

Planning Process

The first step in planning a permitted backyard project is to determine what and where you can build on your lot. A call to your local building department will lend clarity to your planning process. Some common questions to ask are:

- What are my property line setbacks?
- Are there any special easements on my property (utility, cable, access roads, corner lot restrictions)?
- Is there a certain square footage or size where a permit becomes required?
- Is there a difference in permitting requirements for a storage unit or finished space?
- Is there a process for including a bathroom and/or kitchenette?

Next Steps

Studio Shed's modular buildings are engineered to meet international residential building codes and meet the structural requirements in even the strictest areas of the country. However, there are often local site-specific requirements that need to be taken into account for a complete permit submission. These can include things like soils type, local wind and snow loads, and fire rating of the structure. These codes vary significantly in different areas of the country, and no two sites are the same.

If you determine you need a permit for your building, Studio Shed offers our Permit Plan Sets. This is a document set that we create specific to your local codes, building location, and your unique Studio Shed configuration. Our engineering firm will research your local requirements to create a seamless package that is ready for permit submission. This will include appropriate foundation details for your location and building size, along with engineered stamped structural plans for your building. In most cases, this is all that is required for the successful approval of your permit.

Other Services

While Studio Shed is able to create a robust document set that facilitates a smooth process with your building department, there are cases where additional services may be needed. In some locations, a site plan may be required showing existing structures, as well as the locations of improvements such as utility lines and easements. In these cases we recommend the use of a local permit-services professional or architect. We have referrals for this service in many of our most popular areas. Utilizing a local professional can be a major time-saver that often streamlines the permit application process and takes stress out of the project for the homeowner.

