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### PLANNING YOUR BACKYARD SPACE

Need some more space in your life? A freestanding backyard structure from Studio Shed is the easiest and fastest way to add usable square footage to your home. This guide walks through some of the common questions and planning items you'll want to consider before purchasing.

- ✓ Budget
- ✓ Sizes
- ✓ Choosing a Location
- ✓ Permitting
- ✓ Ordering
- ✓ Delivery and Installation
- ✓ Interior Finishes



# BEFORE ORDERING

## BUDGET

A Studio Shed is an appreciating asset that adds value to your property. It's an extension of your home, and an investment that will grow over time. Studio Shed owners who have sold their homes have seen their Studio Shed appraise at approximately 1.5x what they paid for the structure.

Whether you want to work from home or have a growing family and need to free up that extra bedroom – a Studio Shed is a simple option for getting that space. Compared to the cost of adding square footage to your home, a Studio Shed is a far more affordable option – installed in a fraction of the time.

Pricing for your Studio Shed, interior finishes, and delivery are all available in our 3D Design Studio on our website. Additional items you'll want to consider when planning your budget include:

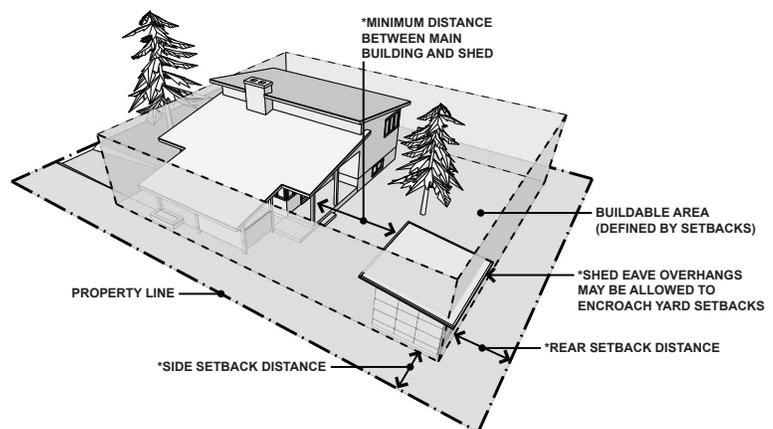
- ✓ Site Preparation and Foundation (Typically \$1500-2500+)
- ✓ Electrical hookup to main and trenching (Typically \$750-1500+)
- ✓ Permit fees if required (Varies significantly by location)

## CHOOSING A LOCATION

Studio Shed owners usually place their Studio Shed away from their home to maximize the positive space that is created by having a detached structure in their yard. Having a destination in your yard creates great possibilities for patios, decks, and other outdoor enhancements. A Studio Shed can also create privacy from neighbors and turn unused space into usable outdoor living space.

Communities typically have setback guidelines that dictate where a backyard structure can be placed. These vary in each local community so be sure to check your local regulations.

Typical setbacks are usually between 3' and 5' from the property line. When choosing a size, make sure you have enough room to place your Studio Shed where you want it. Proper installation requires clearance of 3' to fences or other obstructions.



\*CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL BUILDING AUTHORITY, WHEN PLANNING FOR YOUR STUDIO SHED, FOR THE RULES THAT WILL APPLY TO YOUR PROJECT.

## SIZES

Consider what you will be using your Studio Shed for. Home Office, Art Studio, Workshop?

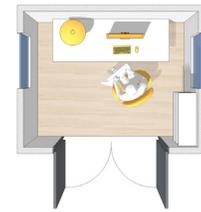
Studio Shed offers a wide array of sizes, but the 10'x12' size is our most popular. Why?

- + This size fits in small backyards
- + Installs quickly and efficiently
- + Perfect size for a home office, creative studio, workshop, or backyard retreat
- + Often does not require a building permit

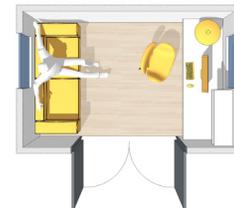


## COMPARE HOME OFFICE FLOORPLAN IDEAS

8'x10'



8'x12'



10'x12'



## DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Most counties in the U.S. allow homeowners to build one detached unit of 120 square feet or less without getting a building permit. This varies by municipality, so be sure to check with your local building department. Height limits and HOA restrictions may also apply, so be sure to verify before purchasing.

If you determine that you need a building permit, we can provide engineer-stamped plans for an additional charge. This document set shows your Studio Shed on your property and compliance with all local codes (wind, snow, fire, etc.) It also shows foundation details that are required for successful permit submission. If a site plan is required, customers will need to assist with providing the appropriate information about their lot.

Because every site is unique, and individual codes vary down to the level of individual neighborhoods, this process typically takes between 2-4 weeks to ensure that all local requirements are met.

Approval timelines of building permits varies widely across the U.S. In many cases, a Studio Shed building permit is approved the same day. In more restrictive areas, a building department approval may take 2-3 months.

For larger projects, or accessory units involving plumbing, it's often advisable to work with a local architect or permit expeditor. These services streamline the process of getting permit submissions through the appropriate channels and into production quickly.

# AFTER ORDERING

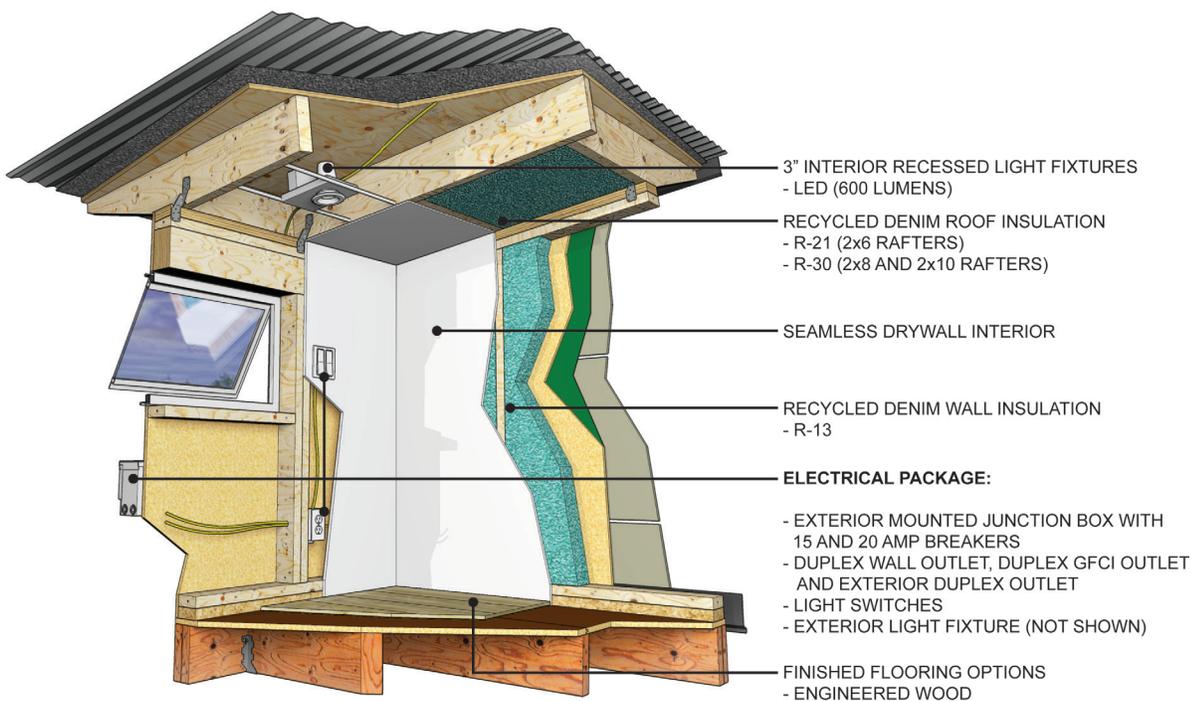
## DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION

Once you've chosen your model, size, colors, options, and placed your order in our 3D Design Studio – we'll begin production of your personalized Studio Shed. For unpermitted orders, our typical lead time is approximately 4 weeks.

If you've chosen professional installation, our team will handle the unloading and installation of your Studio Shed and all options. Please note that in our most popular markets, installation crews may be scheduled out longer than our production turnaround. You'll work with your Customer Experience Representative to find an installation date that works for both you and our team.

## FINISHING TOUCHES

If you've purchased a Lifestyle interior, our installation teams will complete your unit with the options pictured here. NOTE: Electrical hookup to the main is not included, and dry-wall is included only with installed Lifestyle purchases.



## MORE QUESTIONS?

At Studio Shed we pride ourselves on our customer service. We're here to help throughout the planning and purchase process. Please feel free to call us with questions.

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