



Permits:

- ❖ Accessory buildings that exceed 200 square feet and any size two-story or more accessory building **require a building permit.**
- ❖ One-story detached accessory buildings that are 200 square feet and less do not require a building permit; however, they are still subject to the regulations outlined in this handout, and the 2020 MN residential code.

Maximum Size & Height Guidelines:

- The total square footage of a single accessory building cannot exceed 624 square feet, without a Special Use Permit. With a Special Use Permit the size could increase to 1,064 SF.
- The total square footage of all accessory buildings on a lot cannot exceed 1,664 square feet - and cannot occupy more than 30% of the lot; this includes attached garages.
- Accessory Buildings shall not be located within the front yard and be setback at least 5 feet from the side & rear lot line.
- Accessory buildings on a corner lot must be behind the home, setback 30 feet from the front and side property line.
- Accessory buildings cannot exceed the height of the principal building (house).
- All accessory buildings must be securely anchored to the ground by a foundation or by using anchoring tie downs.
- Hardcover cannot exceed 50% at the lot's area. Hardcover includes all structural footprint & non-structural hardcover (like a driveway).



Additional Regulations:

- More than one accessory building is allowed per property
- All accessory buildings over 200 sq. ft. shall be architecturally compatible with the existing house & finished with complementary siding & color scheme
- The square footage of all buildings per property combined can not exceed 30% of the lot's area. Example: A 10,000 SF lot may only contain 3,000 SF of structure foot print