

## Accessory Structures

“Accessory structures” include sheds and garden structures, for example, and are detached from other structures by at least 36 inches. Second dwelling units are not considered accessory structures.

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**What are the general rules for accessory structures?** Any accessory structure over 10 feet in height and/or over 250 square feet is *not* allowed within the setback. Even when not in the setback, the maximum height of an accessory structure is 15 feet.

**What are the setbacks for *un*-enclosed garden structures?** An unenclosed garden structure (e.g., gazebo, trellis, arbor, fountain, freestanding fireplace, play structure) that is 10 feet or less in height has the following setbacks dependent on height:

- Up to 8’ height = 6 foot setback from the side or rear property line
- Up to 9’ height = 7 foot setback from the side or rear property line
- Up to 10’ height = 8 foot setback from the side or rear property line

**What are the setbacks for small enclosed sheds?** An enclosed garden shed or pool equipment shed that is 10 feet or less in height and 250 square feet or less in area has the following setbacks dependent on height:

- Up to 6’ height = 6 foot setback from the side line/rear line of the rear setback area
- Up to 7’ height = 7 foot setback from the side line/rear line of the rear setback area
- Up to 8’ height = 8 foot setback from the side line/rear line of the rear setback area
- Up to 9’ height = 9 foot setback from the side line/rear line of the rear setback area
- Up to 10’ height = 10 foot setback from the side line/rear line of the rear setback area

**Are there any exceptions for a cabana, garage, carport, recreation room, hobby shop or similar structure?** You can apply for a Use Permit (to be approved by Planning Commission). Under a use permit, the structure *may be* granted the following height and setbacks. The maximum height that can be approved with a use permit is 10 feet. *Also see general info above.*

- Up to 8’ height = 6 foot setback from the side line/rear line of the rear setback area
- Up to 9’ height = 9 foot setback from the side line/rear line of the rear setback area
- Up to 10’ height = 12 foot setback from the side line/rear line of the rear setback area

**What are the required setbacks for a structure intended or used for the keeping of animals?** Structures that may be used for animals are not allowed within the setback.

\*\* Setbacks are determined by the zoning district in which the property is located \*\*  
Please check the [City website](#) or ask a planner if you need help determining your setbacks.

Please check with the Building Department to see if you need a building permit