

# Building a storage shed in St. Louis Park

The purpose of the following regulations is to meet both aesthetic and safety needs of the community by establishing standards for the location and construction of storage sheds.

**Location:** Storage sheds are permitted in the rear yard and must be at least 2 feet from the side and rear property lines and at least 6 feet from the house. Storage sheds are not permitted in the front yard and are not permitted in the side yard abutting a street.

**Size:** The maximum size of a storage shed is 120 square feet (if the building exceeds 120 square feet, a building permit is required so it should be treated as if it were a new detached garage). The maximum ground floor area of all accessory buildings, including sheds and any detached garages, is limited to 25% of the rear yard or 800 square feet which ever is less.

**Height:** The maximum height of a storage shed is 15 feet measured from grade to the mid-point of the roof gable end.

**Constructing the Shed:** Storage sheds less than 120 square feet must be securely anchored to the ground or to a concrete slab. Storage sheds over 120 square feet must be placed on and anchored to a concrete slab or concrete post footings (minimum 3 ½ “ thick slab and 6” diameter x 2’ deep post footings). A building permit is required for the concrete slab or post footings and an inspection is required prior to pouring the concrete. The property irons must be visible at the time of the inspection.

Please call the Inspections Department at (952) 924-2588 with questions.

