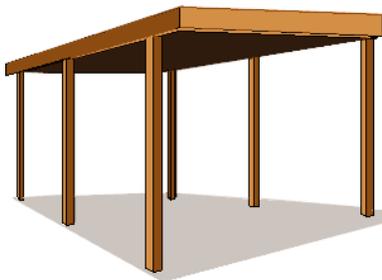


Accessory Structures in the City of Greensboro

The City of Greensboro regulates the size and location of accessory structures to protect life and property, and to encourage harmony within the community.

This brochure is intended to be a quick reference guide. You will find Accessory Structure standards in full on the City's website www.greensboro-nc.gov/ldo. Article 30-8-11.1.



Example of an accessory structure

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Address Correction Requested



Sheds, Garages, Carports & More

(Residential Accessory Buildings)



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What is a Residential Accessory Structure?

A residential accessory structure is a separate structure that has a roof line and is customarily found accompanying a home.

Some examples include:

- Carports
- Garages
- Gazebos
- Sheds
- Utility/Storage Buildings



Where may accessory structures be located?

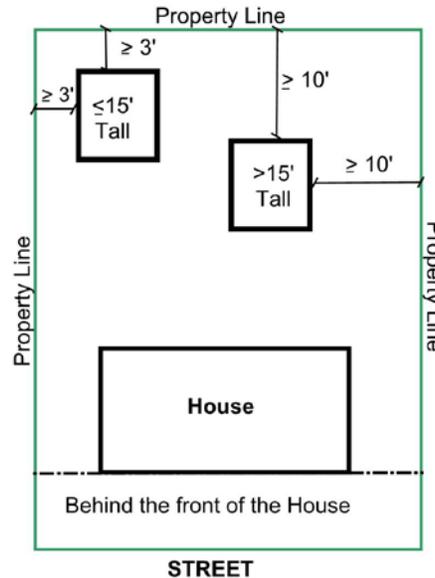
- Behind the front building line of the home.
- Outside required building setbacks.
- Outside any dedicated public or private easements. Your deed or plat will tell you if there are any easements on your property.
- At least 3 feet from side and rear lot lines, or if 15+ feet in height then at least 10 feet from side and rear lot lines.



If you plan to have power or water in your building, then you must branch the service from the house.

How far from the property line?

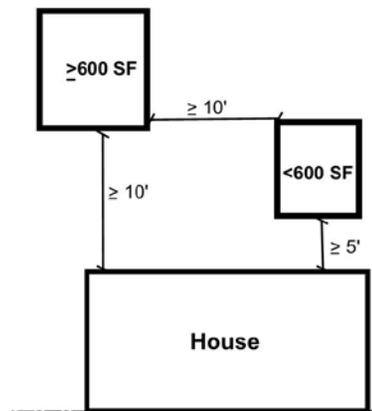
Typically, your accessory structure must be at least 3 feet from side and rear property lines. Any accessory structures over 15 feet tall must be at least 10 feet from property lines.



How close can an accessory structure be to my home?

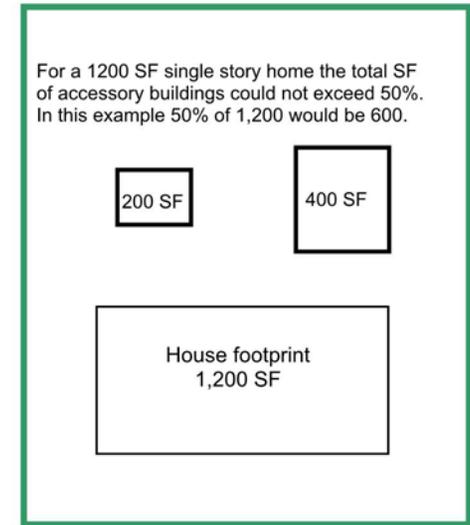
Accessory structures must be at least 5 feet from the home and any other structure.

If the accessory structure is larger than 600 square foot (SF) then it will need to be 10 feet away from any other structure.



How many accessory structures can you have?

You may have as many as you like; as long as the sum of all accessory structures is less than 50% the footprint of your home (see the example below).



Do I need a building permit?

Yes, if your building is over 12 feet in any dimension:

- Length
- Width
- Height



* There may be other requirements if you live in a historic district or if your property is located in a flood hazard area. Please contact Development Services at 336-373-2155 for any questions on these or other concerns.