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BUYING A GARDEN SHED

What you will need...

- Measuring Tape
- Camera
- Local Government Phone Numbers

Important information...

Always:

- Contact your local and county governments or local homeowner's association to learn about building codes and ordinances that may affect the size and type of garden shed you want to have in your yard
- Obtain necessary building permits
- Compare quality and prices at more than one store
- Wear appropriate work shoes and clothing when erecting your shed
- Follow all instructions

Things to consider...

A garden shed is a great addition to any yard. It frees up garage space while allowing you to organize all of your lawn and garden tools in one place, protected from the weather.

Size of your Shed

Garden sheds come in many sizes. Generally, a 10'x10' or 12'x12' shed can easily house your mower, string trimmer, spreader and hand tools. Determine exactly what you want to house in the shed, then calculate the appropriate size.

The Site for your Shed

Select a site for your shed that is well-drained and level. Be aware that your local zoning ordinances will have "set-backs" – a designated distance your shed will need to be from lot lines – and may also have other requirements and limitations.

Shop and Compare

Spend at least a day viewing the various types of sheds that are available. Your local home improvement store will have several on display. Take photos to review later when you go home. Determine the best "look" and style for your yard. You can choose metal or wooden sheds – some will offer various interior options such as hooks and shelves, or you can purchase these and add them yourself.



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Metal vs. Wood

Both metal and wooden sheds work well. Purchase a metal shed knowing that you will likely be living with the color. Painting a metal shed to match your house is not an easy task – you will likely be repainting metal frequently. Wooden sheds, on the other hand, can easily be painted to match your home.

Pricing

You can find a shed in the \$500 range or pay \$2,000 and up for a custom-built shed. The price of your shed will depend on its size, quality of materials and degree of labor you will have to put into building it. Sheds are sold as kits, or you can pay to have someone assemble it. The good news is that you will likely find a shed to match your budget.



Wood Shed