



STORAGE SHEDS

OBJECTIVE/GOAL:

To provide homeowners with guidelines for the placement of storage sheds in their yards (if applicable).

GUIDELINE DETAILS:

- Most Village communities have information concerning required shed designs, measurements, color and location which can be found in the community's architectural criteria.
- In communities where there is no specific shed criterion, sheds are reviewed on an individual basis taking into consideration lot size, location in yard, impact on neighboring house and lot visibility.
- The design, size and location of sheds is determined by the type of community where the house is located.
- Most sheds must be located in rear yards unless the house is a back-to-back or corner house with only one elevation.
- Most sheds are required to be a natural, unstained wood with shingled roofs. If sheds are stained a color without approval, homeowners may be required to re-stain the shed a standard MVF approved color.
- Typically, sheds have a maximum of one window.
- Decorative window boxes and trim boards are not approved.
- Developer-installed sheds in enclosed yards may be considered for removal upon application.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST (items to include with your application)

- PIR (Property Improvement Request) form must be completed and signed by the property owner.
- House location plat showing where the shed will be located on the property.
- Measurements (length, width, and height of the shed) – unless the required community shed criterion is attached.
- Location of door on shed and door size.
- Materials and color for shed siding and roof.

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ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS DEPARTMENT

VILLAGE-WIDE SHED GUIDELINES

Wood or Pre-fabricated

These new guidelines may replace existing shed criterion for some homes corporations or it may serve only as an addendum to existing criteria. Because of the individuality of each community, sheds have to be reviewed on an individual basis. For the most part, these guidelines will be used as a Village-wide reference for staff, homeowners, for the Architectural Review Board, and the MVF Board of Directors.

1. Requisite: Only one shed per property will be approved.
2. Design and materials -
 - The roof style may be either gabled-framed or shed-framed (slanted). The roof material will be considered on an individual basis. The recommended roof material is either natural, unstained cedar wood shakes, or asphalt shingles in a color approved by the ARB.
 - Barn style roofs or other styles will not be approved.
 - Only one window is typically approved for a shed. Two windows may be considered on an individual basis.
 - Typically only one doorway is approved for a shed. Double doorways will be considered on an individual basis.
 - Although, originally, sheds were approved to be wood – Texture T-1-11 or grooved cedar – alternate shed materials will now be considered on an individual basis.
 - No shutters or window boxes will be approved for any shed.
3. Color –
 - If sheds are adjacent to the house, sheds are typically approved to be the color of the house siding and trim. The roof color is typically approved to be the same as the house. The siding and trim could be the same color.
 - If sheds are to be located in the rear yard, one solid, neutral color is preferred. All colors will be reviewed on an individual basis.
4. Location –
 - The location of the shed will be determined on an individual basis taking into account the lot configuration, lot size, relationship to the adjoining yard, and existing house and yard structures.

- Sheds to be located under elevated decks or in recessed areas of the house will have more flexibility as far as style and materials. Each application will be considered on an individual basis.

5. Size –

- **Single Family, Detached Home Communities:**
The recommended maximum width and length is 8'W x 10'L with a maximum height of 9' to the peak. Larger sheds will be considered on an individual basis.
- **Townhouse/ Zero-Lot-Line Communities with split-rail fences:**
The maximum width and length is 6'W x 8'L with a maximum height of 8' to the peak. Larger heights will be considered on an individual basis based on yard size.
- **Townhouse Communities with yard enclosure fences:**
The maximum width and length is 4'W x 8'L with the shed height not to exceed the fence height. Higher roof peaks will be considered on an individual basis.

These guidelines would not apply to communities which have a specific shed criterion (sheds constructed in conjunction with fences, etc.) or where sheds are prohibited.

Sheds prohibited in:

Dockside
Gablefield
Meadowgate
Highland Hall
Fairway Islands

Sheds prohibited if not built according to plan:

Millrace

Community Listings

Homes corporation	Communities with new shed guidelines	Communities where new shed guidelines will not apply (only existing criteria will apply)
Eastgate	Hickory Grove	Charlesgate
	Kings Point	
	The Meadows	
	The Mews	
	Ridgefield	
	Wood Edge	
East Village	Ashford	Candleridge
	The Downs	Gablefield
	The Estates	Glenbrooke
	The Estates- Section B	Holly Pointe
	Essex Place II	Meadowgate
	The Reach	Wethersfield
Maryland Place	Maryland Place	N/A
Middle Village	N/A	Clubsie
		Thomas Choice West
Northgate	The Points	Apple Ridge
	Shadow Oak	Dorsey's Regard
	William's Range	McKendree
		Overlea
North Village	Essex Place	Highland Hall
	Pleasant Ridge	McRory
	Salem's Grant	Perry Place
		Picton
Patton Ridge	Fairidge	Arrowhead
	Highfield	Fairway Island
	Partridge Place	Greentee I & II
Poplar Spring	Poplar Spring	N/A
South Village	Center Stage	Dockside
		Grover's Forge
		Hamptons
		Millrace
		Nathan's Hill
		Walker's Choice
Stedwick	Club Hill	Forest Brooke
	Clusters I, II & III	Frenchton Place
	The Heights	
	The Ridges	
Whetstone	Courts I, II & III	N/A
	Goshenside	
	Lakeside	
	The Ridges	