

ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS POLICY FOR **THE DOWNS**  
COMMUNITY OF THE EAST VILLAGE HOMES CORPORATION

***Any exterior modification including those listed below requires prior approval by the Montgomery Village Foundation Architectural Review Board.***

***Purpose:*** To ensure values and enhance the appearance of Montgomery Village, the following criteria are established to serve as a general guide for residents of **The Downs** desiring to make exterior alterations or changes to their property. ***All modifications must be completed within three months of Board approval unless a specific exception is received.***

The goal of the MVF Architectural Review Board is to maintain the original architectural design and integrity of each community in Montgomery Village. All requests for exterior modifications, house additions, replacement materials or other structures are reviewed by the ARB on an individual basis utilizing guidelines based on the original design intent and overall aesthetics. Original design features must be retained unless otherwise approved by the ARB. The ARB acknowledges building materials are constantly changing and will approve new materials wherever they may be appropriately integrated within the original architectural plan of the community.

1. **Roof** - The original roof shingles are ***Wood Cedar Shakes*** (hand-split). Replacement roofs may be either the natural ***Wood Cedar Shakes***, or ***ELK/GAF Timberline Natural Shadow “Weathered Wood”*** (an architectural asphalt shingle). If there was a cupola originally installed on the garage roof, a replacement cupola must be installed when the roof is replaced. Cupolas are an essential design element for the community and were originally installed on the Ascot, Belmont and Devon house models.
2. **Exterior Paint** - Recorded exterior house colors for each individual home are available at the Montgomery Village Foundation office. No approval is required if the exterior paint colors are not changed from these recorded colors. Exterior color change requests for house siding, trim, shutters, front door, storm door, garage door or garage trim are reviewed by the ARB on an individual basis and must be compatible with the style and design of each specific community. The Architectural Standards staff is available to assist homeowners in their color selection.
3. **Siding/Trim/Shutters** – Any change in color, style or material requires prior approval.
4. **Replacement Windows** – Must be the double-hung style with grids to match original grid pattern. The color will be considered on an individual basis.  
**Storm Windows** – Must be white or the color of the windows.
5. **Storm/Screen Door**- Front entrance storm/screen door will be reviewed on an individual basis (see attached drawing for recommended styles). The color of the door must be the color of the front door. ***White storm doors will not be approved.***  
**Security Storm Door** – Must be painted the color of the front door.

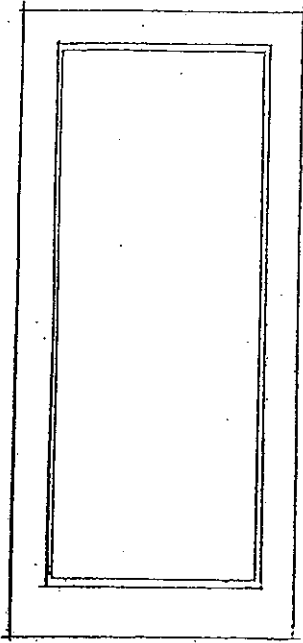
6. **Security Lighting** – Must conform to MVF approved guidelines. *Original light fixtures on front elevations must be retained (may or may not include motion sensor lights).*
7. **Elevated Deck** – Will be reviewed on an individual basis.  
**Ground Level Deck** – Should be screened with shrubs to enclose that portion between deck and grade that is greater than 12" in height.  
**Deck Color** - Any tinted or colored preservatives will be reviewed on an individual basis.
8. **Fence** – Must be three rail, split-rail wood, 48" in height and natural in color. Galvanized welded wire mesh with 2" x 4" openings may be stapled to the inside of the fence. Black and dark green vinyl coated wire mesh is also acceptable (see drawing). Split-rail fencing must be installed on property lines.  
**Gate** – Must be the split-rail design or the alternate arched top design (see drawing).  
**Privacy Fencing** – Closed fencing for screening purposes must be a solid board design, natural in color, and a maximum height of 6 feet. This fencing must not exceed 25 linear feet in total length (see drawing). Privacy fencing is *not* to be installed on property lines.
9. **Storage Sheds** – Will be approved in accordance with the attached Shed Guidelines. (See attachment.)
10. **Mailboxes** – If a replacement mailbox is needed, alternate designs, materials and colors will be reviewed on an individual basis. (See attached drawing for recommended mailbox/newspaper box designe.)
10. **House Numbers** – Only black or brass metal numbers no higher than 5" will be permitted. The original design and location must be retained unless otherwise approved.
11. **Cupolas** – Cupolas were originally installed on 3 house models – *The Devon (Model #40), The Ascot (Model #10&11), and The Belmont (Model #30&31)*. Cupolas must be retained on these 3 house models.
12. **Basketball Backboards** – to be considered on an individual basis.
13. **Composting** - Residential composting of yard waste will be permitted according to approved guidelines. Contact MVF for these specific guidelines.

*Additional guidelines for exterior modifications are available at the MVF office.*

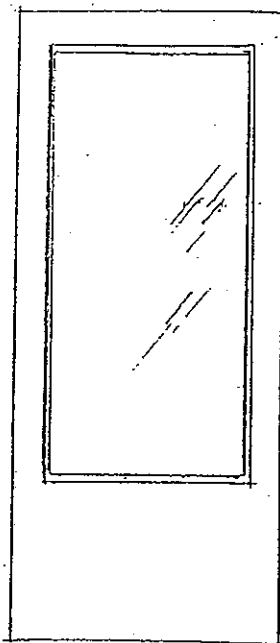
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Revised 1994, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2009, 2010 (storm door), 2011 (gate, shed, mailbox)

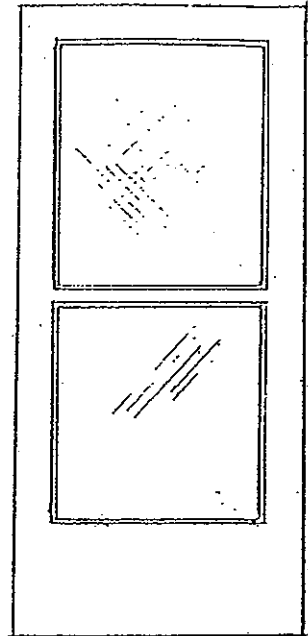
# Recommended Storm Door Styles



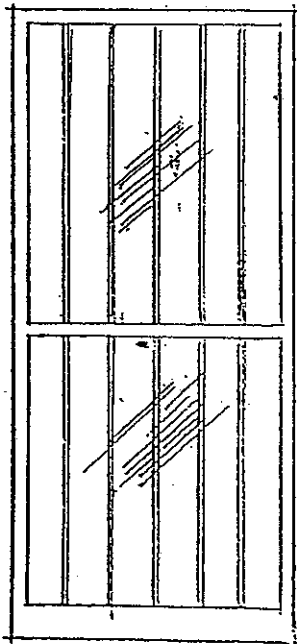
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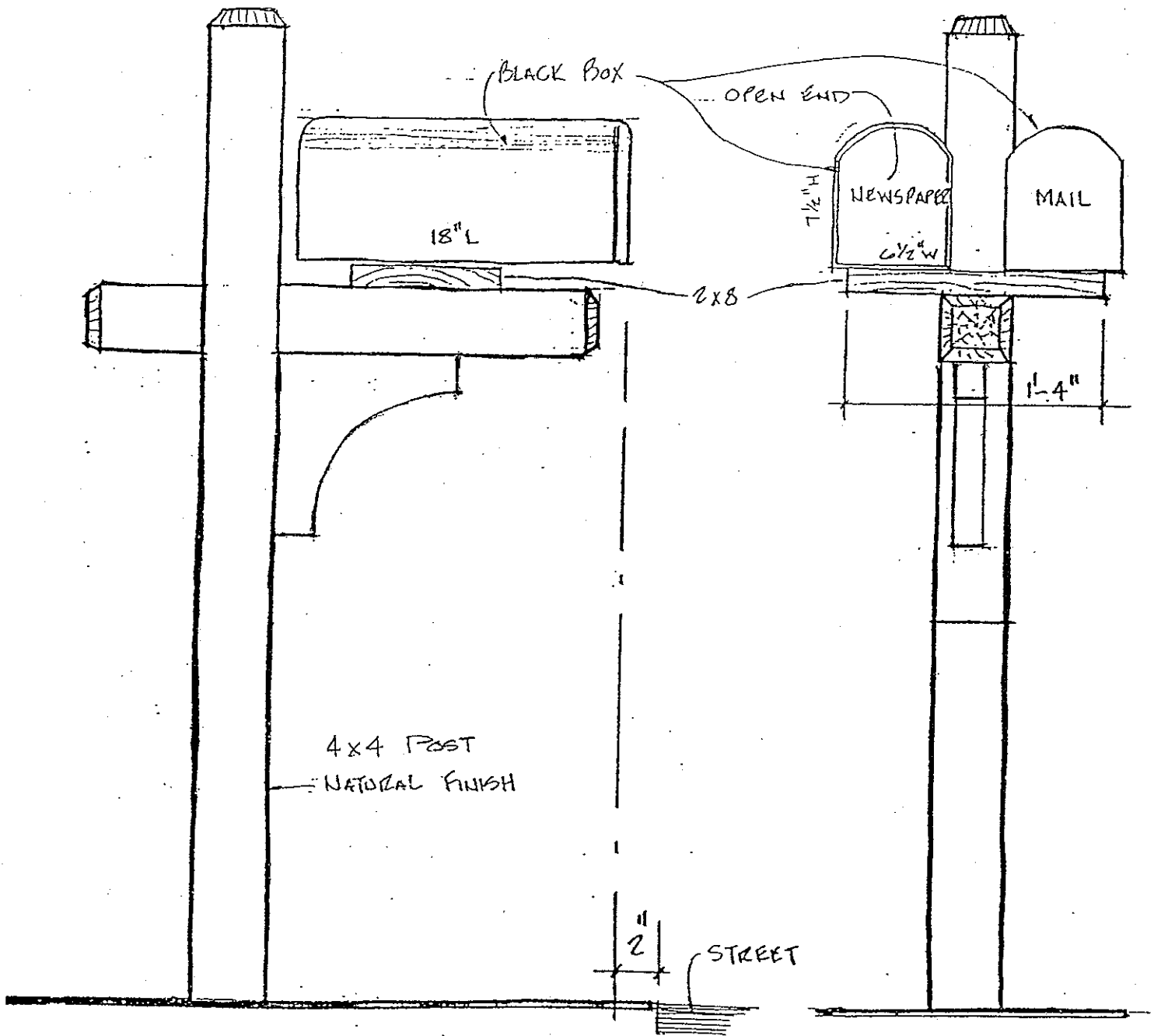
Self-storing



Security Door

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# Mailbox/Newspaper Box



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# Fence/Gate Design

*SPLIT RAIL* style

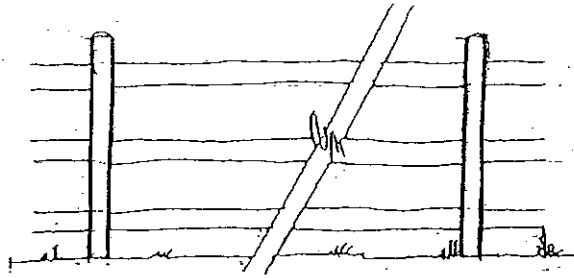
WOOD materials

NATURAL finish/color

48" FT. HGT. height dimensions

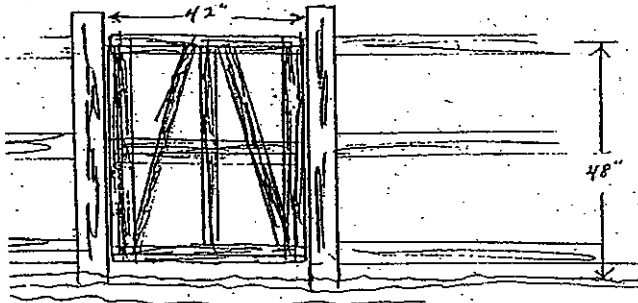
42" WIDE size of gate  
48" HEIGHT height

design of gate

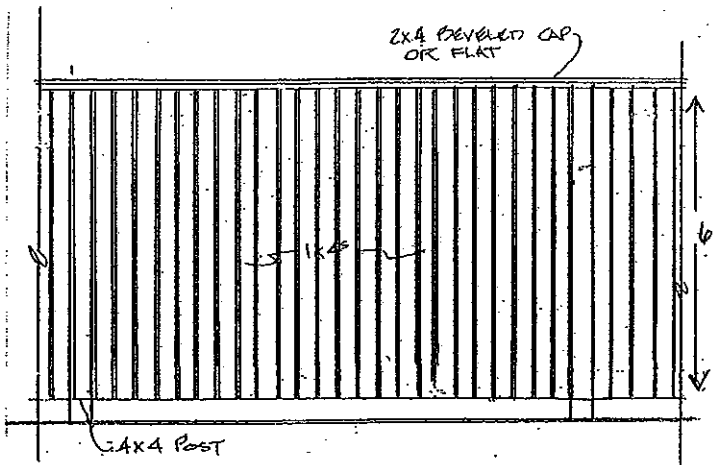
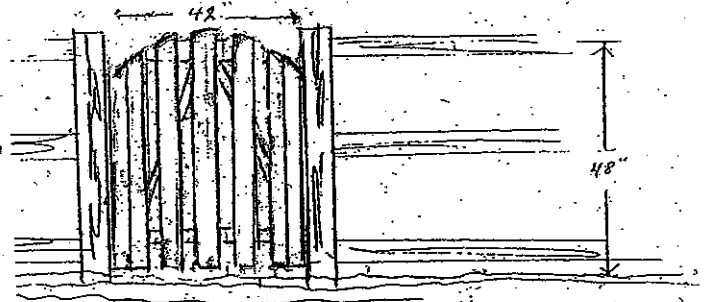


*Split-rail Fence*

*Split-rail Gate*



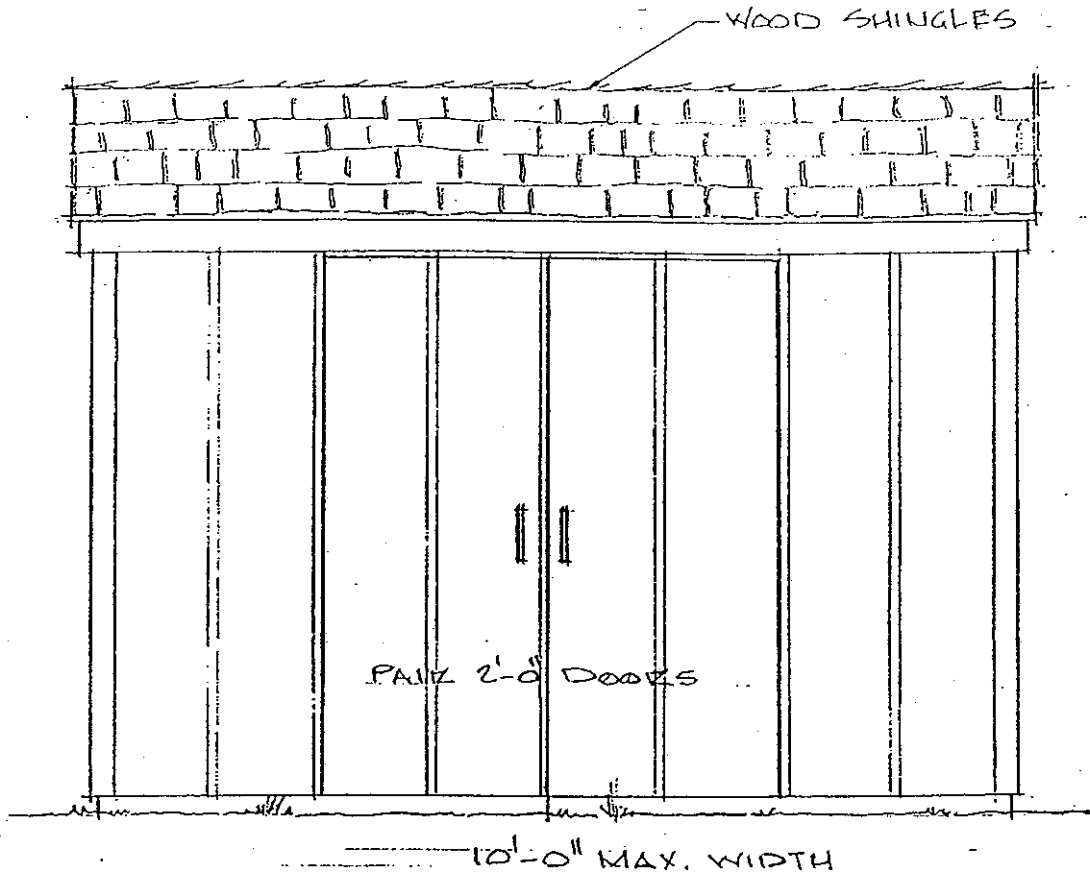
*Arched Gate*



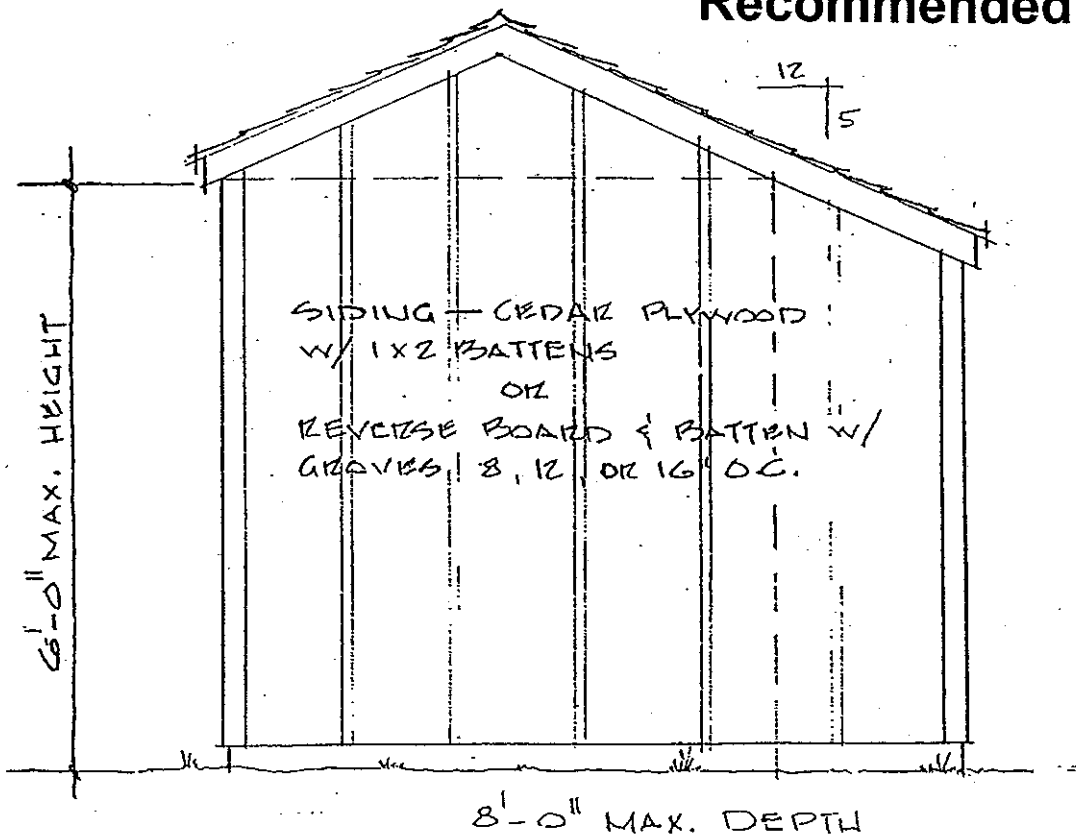
Privacy fence  
(25 linear feet – unstained wood)

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## Recommended Shed Design





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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 or 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)
<b>Eastgate</b>	Hickory Grove	Charlesgate
	Kings Point	
	The Meadows	
	The Mews	
	Ridgefield	
	Wood Edge	
<b>East Village</b>	Ashford	Candleridge
	The Downs	Gablefield
	The Estates	Glenbrooke
	The Estates- Section B	Holly Pointe
	Essex Place II	Meadowgate
	The Reach	Wethersfield
<b>Maryland Place</b>	Maryland Place	N/A
<b>Middle Village</b>	N/A	Clubsie
		Thomas Choice West
<b>Northgate</b>	The Points	Apple Ridge
	Shadow Oak	Dorsey's Regard
	William's Range	McKendree
		Overlea
<b>North Village</b>	Essex Place	Highland Hall
	Pleasant Ridge	McRory
	Salem's Grant	Perry Place
		Picton
<b>Patton Ridge</b>	Fairidge	Arrowhead
	Highfield	Fairway Island
	Partridge Place	Greentee I & II
<b>Poplar Spring</b>	Poplar Spring	N/A
<b>South Village</b>	Center Stage	Dockside
		Grover's Forge
		Hamptons
		Millrace
		Nathan's Hill
		Walker's Choice
<b>Stedwick</b>	Club Hill	Forest Brooke
	Clusters I, II & III	Frenchton Place
	The Heights	
	The Ridges	
<b>Whetstone</b>	Courts I, II & III	N/A
	Goshenside	
	Lakeside	
	The Ridges	