

# Accessory Structures

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**Definition:** *any building or improvement subordinate to a principal use or primary dwelling. Such structures include sheds, storage shelters, pole buildings, detached garages, and similar structures.*

## **Performance standards:**

- A land use permit is required.
- Accessory structures are required to meet all setbacks.
- Accessory structures on parcels less than 10 acres can only be allowed with a primary dwelling or structure.
- Dwellings with attached storage areas, sometimes referred to as “shouses” or “barndominiums” are allowed. These structures must have permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.
- One (1) accessory structure can be placed on parcels 10 acres or larger without a primary dwelling or structure, but will have increased sideyard setbacks of 50’ and increased ROW setbacks of 100’. Additionally, these parcels must have adequate buildable areas for the construction of a dwelling, septic system, and a well.
- A conditional use permit is required for the construction of accessory structures located in the Commercial (C) zoning district and the Commercial Mixed Use (CMU) zoning district.
- These performance standards do not apply to water oriented accessory structures. Please see the Shoreland Alterations fact sheet for more information.

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