Right Shed Size to Buy

Choosing the right size shed can be quite a challenge for some. The first concern that may wander in your mind is “how much is buying the larger shed going to cost” or “how much stuff can I fit in the shed”? If you’re struggling to make a decision on the right size, we are here to make your decision much easier.

Size of your Yard

Obliviously the smaller the yard, the smaller the shed will have to be. Keep in mind that we require all shed foundations to be placed at least three feet away from privacy fencing, trees and any other objects. You will also need to make sure there is plenty of room to open the doors.

If you’re looking to buy a shed to free up space in your garage, use a tape measure to measure all of your equipment while it is still in the garage. This will give you an approximate idea of how much space you will need to store the items in your shed.

What are you going to Store in your Shed?

Make a list of what you’re going to store inside your shed. The most common items that are stored in sheds are lawn mowers, lawn equipment, tools, flower pots, weed trimmers, shovels and sports equipment.

Once you decide on what you are going to store inside, lay the items on the ground and measure them. The results of the measurements will give you an approximate idea of how much space you will need in your shed. Make sure you add extra space for walking inside your shed.

Remember that you will collect more tools and equipment over the years and will need even more storage space. As parents ourselves, we have found that we need more and more space to store our children’s toys and other equipment.

To make it even simpler, we suggest buying a shed that is one size larger than what you think you will need. For instance, after measuring how much space your tools consume, you determine a 10’ x 8’ shed will fit your needs. To compensate for more needed growth in the future, consider purchasing a 10’ x 10’ shed. While it may cost you more to buy a larger building, you will reduce the likelihood of running out of storage space in the future.
The Style of your Storage Building Matters Too

There are three styles of sheds that will also help you determine on what shed to buy. A gable shed is one of our most popular styles, with a roof consisting of a single sloping plane of the same pitch on each side of the ridge. It is very similar to the way many homes are constructed.

Gambrel sheds or “barn sheds” may look the same on paper; however the steeper lower slope provides extra headroom. Gambrel sheds are the perfect choice for anyone that wants more headroom without going to a larger size shed. If you’re a taller individual, a gambrel style shed is an easy choice.

Finally, tackroom sheds are a rectangular-shaped building with a steep front roof pitch and shallow rear roof pitch. It is often used for hobbyists, woodworkers and gardeners.
Add a Shelf or Workbench for More Storage Space

If you already installed your shed or are unsure of how much space your items are going to take up, you can choose to buy optional accessories such as shelves or workbenches. Shelves allow you to organize your shed properly and keep tools off the ground. Workbenches can also be used to keep items off the ground and as a table to complete do-it-yourself projects on.

If you're still unsure of what size shed to buy, call our toll-free helpline at 855-853-8558.