



SHED BUYERS HANDBOOK



Your guide to the perfect structure

WELCOME TO URBAN SHEDS! ...where it's easy to design a unique shed online, and a craftsman next door is ready to bring your structure to life.

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Urban Sheds 3-Step Process



1. **Design** and save your initial 3d rendering



2. **Plan** with your Urban Sheds craftsman



3. **Watch** your structure come to life!

INTRODUCTION

We understand that a quality shed is a big purchase, and you want to make the right decision. It's hard to decide which structure best fits your needs.

We designed this handbook to keep you organized. It will help you think through the important details that impact your buying decision. This process ensures you get a beautiful structure that best meets your needs.

Take time to answer the questions in each section. They will guide you while you design the perfect shed to meet your goals, needs, and budget.




#1 PURPOSE: Clarify how you will use your structure

Ask yourself, *What am I trying to accomplish with this structure?* Clarifying the primary use of your shed helps you make critical decisions like building size, layout, and placement. Get creative here; the options are endless! (tip: search Google/Pinterest for great ideas)

✔ Following are some ideas to get you started. Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn & Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby Workshop | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tools & Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Spare Bedroom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike Shed | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Studio | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Gym |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ATV Storage | <input type="checkbox"/> Art & Crafts Studio | <input type="checkbox"/> Man Cave |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting Shed | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Space | <input type="checkbox"/> She Shed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Storage | <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga Studio | <input type="checkbox"/> Kids Play House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Potting & Greenhouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Backyard Bar | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool House |

 Take a few minutes to brainstorm the items that must fit inside your shed. Write down your thoughts so you don't forget!

EXAMPLE: Lawnmower, bikes, snow blower, leaf blower, rakes, shovels, ladders, mulch bag, fertilizer

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#2 STYLE: Decide on the best fit and look

Ask yourself, *Which size and styling will serve my purpose and beautify my backyard?* Make sure the space is generous for your intended use. If your backyard is small, get creative with a layout that fits well. Many homeowners match the styling and color of the shed to match or complement their house.

Sizes range from 4x6 to 16x40. Most choices range from 8x10 to 10x14. Again, use your creativity! You could take some measurements in your backyard to visualize the space.

Your size: _____

Tip: Use the sizing tool from LP Building Products:

[LP Shed Size Estimator](#)

Choose between our two different style rooflines:

TRADITIONAL



MODERN



#3 DESIGN: Choose features and add-ons

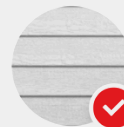
Ask yourself, *What features give the right look, functionality, and quality while staying within my budget?* At this stage, visit our 3D Configurator to visualize your structure and get instant pricing updates.

3D Shed Configurator

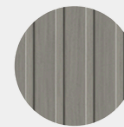
Shed siding comes in a range of colors and materials. Choose based on the right combination of desired aesthetics, durability, and price range.



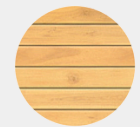
LP Smart



LP Lap



Board & Batten (16)



Western Red Cedar

My Shed **Color** _____ My Shed **Siding** Material _____

Following are some elements of shed design to consider as you design on the 3D Configurator. Take time to jot down notes!

- Trim & Roof Colors _____
- Doors & Hinges _____
- Windows & Transoms _____
- Vents _____
- Lofts & Shelves _____
- Workbenches _____
- Flooring & Ramp _____
- Finished Interior package _____
- Blocking & Site Prep _____
- Roof Overhang size _____

#4 SITE PREP: Explore shed foundation options

Every shed needs a solid and level foundation. Don't cut corners here. An unlevel foundation causes the structure's frame to twist, making doors and windows difficult to open. A foundation adds aesthetic value to your shed.

The most common foundations include the following:

- Concrete slabs _____
- Stone pads _____
- Cement blocks _____

Get a site visit from your local craftsman for more creative ideas!

[View My Craftsman](#)



#5 PERMITS: Investigate town requirements

You might need a zoning permit for your shed. Each city has different regulations. Do your research first! Getting your permit may take from one week to two months and generally costs between \$50 and \$145.

Here are some key considerations for permitting:

- Neighbors! _____
- Size and location of the shed _____
- Plans to add electrical or plumbing _____
- Intended use of the shed _____
- Proximity to the property boundary _____

1. **Get your paperwork ready:** you will need to provide the basic construction plan. You receive this from Urban Sheds after saving the design on the 3D Configurator. It pays to research the requirements ahead of time!
2. **Contact your local zoning office:** many cities provide online portals where you can apply for and pay for your building permit. Otherwise, call the zoning office.
3. **Apply and pay the required fee:** if the application is denied, don't despair! Get creative, adjust your plan accordingly, and try again.

As you gather information, write it down so you don't forget!

#6 ORDER: Place your deposit and enjoy!

Congratulations on designing the perfect structure for your needs! At Urban Sheds, your local craftsman can assist you throughout the process. We aim to make it enjoyable for you from start to finish.

\$ The next step is to get the financing in place. Some homeowners pay with a check or ACH payment. Others use credit cards, get personal loans, or explore rent-to-own options.

Place your deposit with your local Urban Sheds craftsman to get in the build queue.

[Get In Touch](#)

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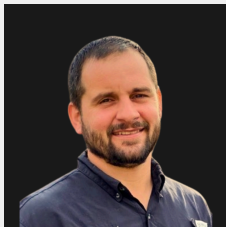
Atlanta, GA

Steve Smucker is an experienced craftsman with skills ranging from framing to interior trim work. He partnered with Urban Sheds at the end of 2017 to begin building sheds in the Atlanta, GA area. Before this, he worked as a facilities manager at the City of Refuge in Atlanta, GA. Steve has a passion for bringing out the best in people. He has a heart for changing lives and making a positive impact in the world. He is married to Christy and is a wonderful father to three boys. Steve's wife Christy enjoys photography, home-educating their sons, and mentoring young women. The Smuckers live in the historic Westside where they enjoy having friends and neighbors in their home.



Boston, MA

Dan Engbretson moved to Boston in 2019. Before moving to Boston he owned a business building backyard fences. Shortly after moving to Boston, he started his own construction company called Urban Builders. Dan has many skills in both interior and exterior construction and is always giving his attention to customer satisfaction. Dan is married to his wife Amber and they have a daughter. Dan loves serving the Boston area, and is diligent to pursue that every transaction will be a positive experience!



Houston, TX

Dave Yoder grew up in northern New York on a dairy farm, learning the broad range of skills required to maintain and operate a farm. He has experience as a machinist, mechanic, and over 5 years in construction. His construction experience consisted primarily of building storage sheds, but he also did the renovation, general construction, and installing overhead doors. Dave is married to Sandra and has a daughter and a son. Dave is excited to serve the Houston area, and is diligent to make sure that every project will be a positive experience!



Los Angeles, CA

I'm **Benji Beiler**, owner, and handyman at Beiler Services. I've always enjoyed making things and working with my hands. As a boy, my brothers would tease me about the crazy things that I tried to make. After graduating from high school, I worked in various types of construction. I worked on a crew building barns, worked with a general contractor, worked for two different plumbing companies, and did my own property maintenance and repair. I enjoy personally working with my customers to make sure that they are happy, and being able to have a flexible schedule to do little things like taking my children to school in the mornings.

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We hope you enjoy the buying process!

