

Outdoor Shed Setup Checklist

Use this checklist to ensure a smooth, efficient, and code-compliant outdoor shed installation. From permits to waterproofing—this covers it all.

1. Planning & Permits

- ■ Check local building codes and HOA regulations
- ■ Obtain necessary permits
- ■ Verify shed size, setbacks, and height restrictions
- ■ Call 811 to locate underground utilities

2. Site Preparation

- ■ Clear and level the site
- ■ Install a compacted gravel pad or concrete foundation
- ■ Ensure proper drainage slope away from site

3. Tools & Materials Checklist

- ■ Power drill and driver bits
- ■ Level and measuring tape
- ■ Galvanized or weather-resistant screws
- ■ Caulk, sealant, and weatherproof paint
- ■ Shed instructions or blueprint

4. Assembly & Installation

- ■ Follow step-by-step assembly instructions
- ■ Ensure doors and windows are square and level
- ■ Anchor the shed securely to foundation
- ■ Install roof panels or shingles per guide

5. Weatherproofing & Finishing Touches

- ■ Seal corners, joints, and roof seams
- ■ Paint or seal exterior surfaces
- ■ Add vents for airflow to prevent moisture buildup
- ■ Install gutters or gravel perimeter for drainage