

# LaGrange County

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## PORTABLE SHEDS

A portable shed is a structure built on a skid type foundation, designed to be easily moved from one location to another and only one story. These sheds are used to store miscellaneous items such as lawn & gardening equipment, tools, patio furniture, seasonal decorations, etc.

1. A portable shed under 80 sq. ft. does not require a permit.
2. A portable shed 80 - 200 sq. ft. requires a zoning compliance certificate. An application with a site plan showing the location of the structure is required to confirm proper setbacks from property lines. Anchoring is recommended but not a requirement. Mobile home type anchors are acceptable as well as postholes filled w/concrete and a chain lagged to the runners. Limited to (1) 20-amp electrical circuit and no water, sanitary sewer or permanent heat is allowed.
3. A portable shed 200 – 720 sq. ft. requires a zoning compliance certificate **and** a building permit. Inspections include foundation, anchoring and final at a minimum. Monolithic slab on grade concrete pours w/ welded wire mesh & thickened edges or post hole type foundations that are 36" deep and under the corners @ a minimum are acceptable. Consult an inspector concerning your specific foundation requirements. Electrical, plumbing and heating would follow Indiana code.
4. A portable shed over 720 sq. ft. requires a zoning compliance certificate **and** a building permit. These structures must be placed on a 36" deep frost proof foundation and be anchored to the foundation itself with anchor bolts imbedded into the concrete. Inspections include foundation, anchoring and final at a minimum. Electrical, plumbing and heating would follow Indiana code.

Note: Detached garages and manufactured carports follow similar rules, are not portable, have poured concrete floors and do not have wooden or skid type flooring. Ask for additional requirements.