

# Medina County Building Department



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## RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY BUILDING

An accessory building (sheds, barns, storage building) is a structure that is located on the same lot as a residence and is typically used for storage. It does not contain a living space. Accessory buildings 200 square feet and less DO NOT require a permit (zoning approval may still be required). For pole frame style accessory buildings, please note that buildings over 36' in width and 16' in height require an architect or engineer. Please see the Post Frame Accessory Structures guide for further limitations and details.

*Please follow the guidelines below to ensure timely permit acquisition.*

1. **Medina County Health Department** (330)-723-9523 If your property has a septic system or a well, cistern, spring or pond (used for drinking water), follow these guidelines:
  - a. **Sewage system components** require ten-foot isolation from a building or other structure. This is usually measured from the foundation, and would not include decks, above ground swimming pools, and similar appurtenances, provided that access to the system for cleaning and maintenance is still available. Sewage systems can be within two feet of a building or structure with the approval of the Health Commissioner.
  - b. **Wells, cisterns, springs and ponds used for drinking water** are also required to be ten feet from the foundation of a building or dwelling. Similarly, this would not include decks and similar appurtenances providing that access is still available for system cleaning and maintenance.

\*\*\*If deviating from these guidelines please contact the Medina County Health Dept
2. **Local Zoning** Obtain an approval from your local zoning official. Zoning numbers are listed on <http://building.medinaco.org> under "contact us".
3. **Medina County Highway Engineers** (330)-723-9568 Permits are obtained from the Medina County Highway Engineer's Office, 791 West Smith Rd Medina, OH.
  - a. **Stormwater Management And Sediment Control Permit**

Permit and Fee needed whenever 5,000 sq. ft. of soil is being moved.  
(Includes lawn, basement, drive, landscaping, trenching for all utilities, grading or clearing.)
  - b. **Flood Zone Requirements**

See this document (located on our web-site) to determine if you are located in a flood zone and for details: [Flood Zone Requirements](#) for Highway Engineers
4. **Medina County Building Department** (330)-722-9220 Please bring copies of all of the above, with a completed application, along with **two (2) sets of construction plans**, including site plan, cross section and floor plan. Materials shall be identified on plans. Material lists will not be accepted. A plan review fee of \$40.30 is due at time of application.