

# Sheds, Greenhouses and Polytunnels

**Approved specification for sheds, greenhouses, temporary structures and compost containers.**

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A plotholder is allowed to erect a shed and either a greenhouse or a polytunnel .

## **Dimensions**

The maximum size of shed (or greenhouse) permitted is 10' x 8' (approx 3m x 2.5m) and for polytunnels is 20' x 10' (approx 6m x 3m)

Polytunnels may not be erected without the prior permission of the Allotment Association and Allotment Liaison Officer.

## **Construction**

Metal - Approved manufactured design

Timber - Approved manufactured design

Self constructed of clean sawn woods. Cladding of planed soft wood, cedarwood, shiplap or weather boarding.

Glazing - Glazing in greenhouse must be with glass or horticultural P.V.C. materials. Thin polythene sheeting is not permitted.

Roof - To be laid on purlins. Rigid corrugated plastic is permitted on sheds. Proper guttering may be fitted, leading to a water butt or tank (which must be sunk into the ground)

Finish - To be painted mid-green or treated with a suitable wood preservative at 3 yearly intervals. The greenhouse may be painted white and aluminium paint may also be used.

Water containers must also be painted mid-green.

## **Siting**

1 - Where possible at the rear of the plot or as directed by the Department.

2 - No permanent foundations are to be laid. The shed or greenhouse may be supported on temporary foundations not exceeding 9” (0.229 metres) in height and laid dry.

3 - No additions or extensions are permitted without prior approval. The roof, sides and surrounding areas must be clean and tidy at all times.

4 - All sheds, greenhouses and water containers must be kept in good conditions at all times.

5 - A gap of at least 2’ (60cm) should be left between any structure and the boundary fence of any private garden abutting the allotment.

### **Restrictions**

1 - Felt covering on shed sides is not permitted

2 - No chimneys permitted

### **Temporary Structure (1 June - 31 October)**

Maximum Permitted Size - 600sq.ft / 55.74 sq metres

Maximum Permitted Height - 7 foot / 2.13 metres

### **Construction of Temporary Structures**

1 - Framework of clean sawn timber, metal or approved manufactured design

2 - Covering of clean heavy gauge polythene sheeting

### **Compost Containers**

Maximum permitted area - 4' x 6' x 2'6"

Construction - Wood or mesh or of an approved manufactured design.

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