

**Worcester County Department of Development Review and Permitting**  
**Application for an Accessory Building on a Campsite**  
**in a Campground Subdivision**

To apply for a permit for an accessory building (shed, gazebo or other similar building), the following items will need to be provided:

- Permit Application Form:  
([https://www.co.worcester.md.us/sites/default/files/departments/drp/Permit\\_App.pdf](https://www.co.worcester.md.us/sites/default/files/departments/drp/Permit_App.pdf)).
- Permit Application Fee of \$100.
- One copy of a surveyed site plan.
- One copy of the accessory building specifications.

What needs to be on a surveyed site plan?

- Residential unit including additions, decks and stairs.
- Accessory buildings (all new and all existing buildings).
- 2 parking spaces (10' x 20' for standard spaces; 10' x 23' for parallel spaces). Parking spaces must be located completely on the campsite and must be situated in such a way that any automobile may be parked or unparked without moving another.
- Any building within three feet of an adjacent lot line.

What are the size limitations on an accessory building?

- One enclosed building no larger than 8 feet by 10 feet; and/or
- One unenclosed building no larger than 12 feet by 12 feet.
  - This building may be covered with a roof but not enclosed with walls or material of any kind, including screens.

What are the setbacks and separation distances for an accessory building?

- 10-foot front yard setback from the front property line.
- Accessory buildings permitted after January 31, 2025, must meet a minimum of 3 feet separation distance from all buildings on the existing campsite or adjoining campsite.

Other important information:

- Buildings in the flood zone must be anchored and vented when applicable.
- First Come First Served. You may need to work with your neighbor to meet the three-foot separation distance between structures.
- May not be used for human habitation or sleeping quarters, nor contain plumbing or plumbing fixtures.

- Check with the Department of Environmental Programs for Critical Area regulations for lot coverage at 410-632-1220.
- Shade items not requiring a permit: Sunsails, umbrellas, pop-up canopies.
- Storage items not requiring a permit: Rubbermaid deck boxes that a person is unable to stand up/walk into.
- Awnings attached to the manufactured home may be permissible with engineered plans and a building permit.
- For those property owners who have a nonconforming shed installed currently, once replaced, it will need to meet current regulations. A nonconforming shed would be one in which was properly permitted with no separation distance applied prior to the code change in 2009. Please ask staff to confirm if your existing shed is nonconforming.

For information regarding submission and online payments, please contact Cathy Zirkle 410-632-1200 ext. 1136 or [czirkle@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:czirkle@co.worcester.md.us)