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Accessory Building Ordinance Summary

1. A building permit is required for accessory buildings greater than 200 square feet. A permit is not required for accessory buildings of 200 square feet or less.
2. Accessory buildings must be at least five feet from property lines. On a corner lot, buildings with doors seven feet or wider facing the side street, shall meet the side yard setback for the zoning district.
3. Accessory buildings must not be located within utility and drainage easements. It is the owner's responsibility to verify the location of the property lines. Accessory buildings shall not occupy more than 25 percent of the rear yard.
4. Accessory building sidewalls may not exceed 12 feet in height.
5. Accessory buildings must be anchored to a concrete slab, or other method approved by the Inspections Division.
6. Accessory buildings shall not be located in front of the principal building.
7. Two-story accessory buildings are not permitted.
8. Cloth, canvas, plastic sheets and tarps and similar materials, corrugated roofing or siding are not allowed as primary materials on accessory buildings, except on greenhouses, on accessory buildings in the R-1 urban reserve district, and on agricultural buildings as defined by Minnesota Statute.
9. See chart below for allowable number and size of accessory buildings by zoning district.
https://www.woodburymn.gov/document_center/Planning/Zoning%20Map.pdf

Accessory building size and number allowed.

Zoning District	Number	Maximum Size
R-1, Urban Reserve, lot less than 5 acres	1	1,000 square feet
R-1, Urban Reserve, lot 5 acres or more	2	2,000 square feet combined
R-2, Rural Estate	1	1,000 square feet
R-4, Urban Residential	1	400 square feet

Note: Private covenants may be more restrictive.