

GUIDELINES FOR SHEDS, GREENHOUSES, POLYTUNNELS AND OTHER FIXTURES

Any tenant must have written approval before they can put up any structure

Tenants wishing to put a new structure in their plot, must read through these rules carefully and complete the [Allotment structure application form](#) for approval by the Committee.

Please do not go ahead with the shed, greenhouse or polytunnel until your application is approved.

The Committee is taking serious action to prevent any unauthorised structures.
Failure to comply with the rules may result in eviction.

Tenants must not build or allow to be built on their allotments any permanent structures e.g. paving or concrete paths, or brick built structures other than for paths or foundations.

The location of a new structure must be agreed with the Secretary.

1. The maximum area permitted to be covered by any structure is 80 square feet (7.4 square metres) per 10 pole plot (165 feet/50 metres). For 5 pole plot (82.5 feet/25.15 metres) the maximum permitted area should not exceed 40 square feet (3.7 square metres). See the table below for alternative measurements.

Plot size in poles	Plot size in Square Yards	Plot size in Square Metres	Maximum Structure area in Square Feet	Maximum Structure area in Square Meters
5	151.25	126.5	40 square feet	3.7 square meters
10	302.5	253	80 square feet	7.4 square meters

2. Any structure should not exceed 6 feet 6 inches (2meters) in height to the eaves and a maximum of 8 feet (2.4meters) to the ridge. In the case of a flat structure the maximum height is not to exceed 6 feet 6 inches (2meters). See [definitions and measurements for allotment sheds, greenhouses and polytunnels](#).
3. The Association encourages tenants to purchase a prefabricated structure (shed, greenhouse or polytunnel). However, if the tenant wishes to build their own from suitable materials, the structure must comply with the above measurements and be safe and sound. The finish must be in keeping with the surroundings, treated with a suitable preservative or painted dark green or brown.
4. If the Committee grants permission to erect a structure, this does not imply any form of planning permission and it is the responsibility of the tenant to check and comply with any planning or building regulations.

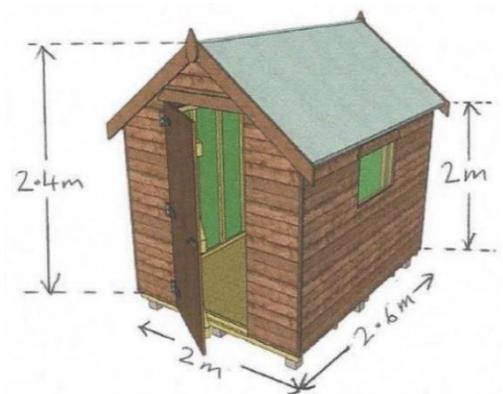
5. Structures, fixtures and the like, erected or installed on an allotment, shall remain the property of the tenant during the term of the tenancy. The tenant maybe required to remove any structure on termination of their tenancy.

1. Definition and measurements for allotment sheds, greenhouses and polytunnels

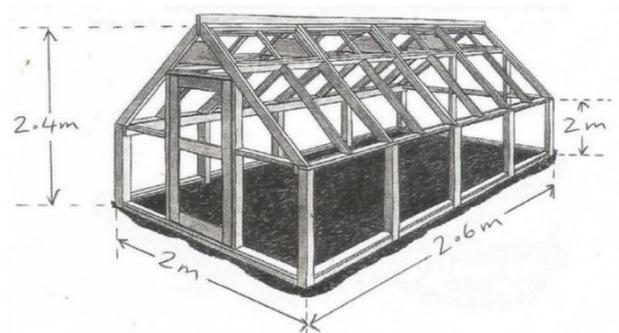
For ease of understanding, there are three different types of structures (sheds, greenhouses and polytunnels). Any structure, no matter how tall or short, with will count as one of these.

Floor space does not mean just the area enclosed by walls or covered by a roof. If you include a patio-type area, this will count towards the maximum floor space dimensions.

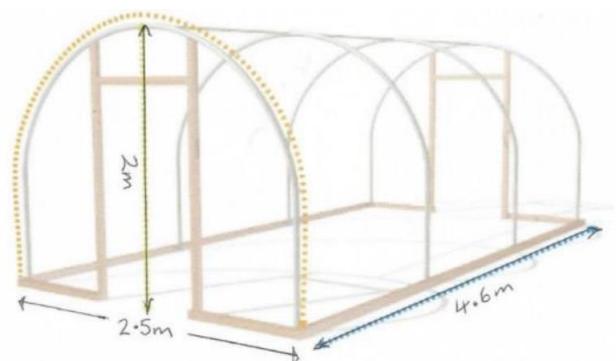
Sheds can be made of wood or metal, with only one small window or no window at all. These are permanent structures securely fixed in one place. Shed floor space must be not larger than 2 meters (6 feet 6 inches) by 2.6 meters (9 feet), height up to 2 meters (6 feet 6 inches) to the eaves and 2.4 meters (8 feet) to the ridge if a pitched roof or 2 meters (6 feet 6 inches) in total for a flat roof.



Greenhouses can be made of wood or metal, with more than one glass or plastic (NOT polythene) panes, and are permanent structures securely fixed in one place. Greenhouse floor space must be not larger than 2 meters (6 feet 6 inches) by 2.6 meters (9 feet), height up to 2 meters (6 feet 6 inches) to the eaves and 2.4 meters (8 feet) to the ridge.



Polytunnels are temporary structures with flexible polythene sheeting as walls and ceilings. Polytunnels can be up to 2.5 meters (8 feet) wide and 4.6 meters (15 feet) long, and up to 2 meters (6 feet 6 inches) in height. Polytunnels must be fixed securely in the agreed location.



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