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PORTABLE AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS

What are the requirements for portable agriculture buildings?

A portable agriculture building is limited to the use of a livestock shelter and/or feed storage and cannot be used for any other purpose.

The structure must:

- be portable
- have no more than 3 enclosed sides and be totally open on one side
- must be less than 400 square feet in floor area*
- have no utilities connected to it
- be removed if the use ceases or must be made permanent per the applicable building codes

NOTE: Any other structure that is not portable, greater than 120 square feet or does not meet these guidelines will need to submit plans and obtain a building permit. (see a building permit technician for more information)

*If the portable structure is 120 square feet or less, with no more than three sides, no permit is required; however, you need to check with the Planning Department regarding setback requirements at 970-498-7683.



Is a building permit required?

Yes, a miscellaneous permit must be obtained.

A plot plan (drawn to scale) must be submitted indicating all potential locations of the portable structure, all other structures on the property, easements, and water courses. (see *plot plan handout*)

Structural plans are not required but a letter must be provided from the manufacturer stating that the structure meets the wind and snow loads of the Larimer County Building Code. It must also contain a recommendation on anchoring the structure to resist wind.

An initial inspection will be conducted for tie downs and setbacks. **A condition of the permit will be that the tie down and setback standards are met each time the structure is moved.** (To set up an inspection call 970-498-7697 or visit www.larimer.org/fasttrack)

