

## SAVE TIME & MONEY with Engineered Plans

Missoula County is making construction projects easier and more affordable by offering **pre-engineered construction plans** for storage, garages and pole barns in various sizes. Residents looking to tackle these projects can save money and time by using one of these plans instead of hiring a professional designer, architect or engineer. Using a pre-engineered plan will also speed up approval times for building review when applying for building permits.

The plans are available for use by residents outside Missoula city limits but still in Missoula County jurisdiction who will apply for building and land use permits with the Missoula County Public Works Building Division.

### Benefits:

1. **Save money:**
  - Avoid the costs of hiring professional designers, architects and engineers. Our engineered plans are available to anyone who wants to get started on their building project with minimal upfront cost.
2. **Speed up permitting and review times:**
  - By using these engineered plans, the permitting and review process will be faster. This means projects can get off the ground quicker and with fewer delays.
3. **Simplify the process:**
  - Before you submit for permits, residents will need to [do their research](#) with Planning, Development and Sustainability and Missoula Public Health. Once you've checked these boxes, you'll be on the right track, as these plans are designed to meet all local building codes for their assigned uses.
4. **Flexibility:**
  - Whether you're an experienced builder or just starting out, these plans are designed for flexibility.

### How it works:

1. **Choose your plan:** [Pick a design that suits your needs from the list on this page.](#) We have a range of options based on size and functionality.
2. **Complete due diligence:** Before you submit for a permit, you'll need to check in with **Planning, Development & Sustainability (PDS)** and **Missoula Public Health (MPH)** to ensure everything aligns with your site. Read the [Getting started checklist](#).
3. **Submit for permit:** Upon verbal verification from the office of Planning, Development & Sustainability and Missoula Public Health you can move forward with submitting your permit applications. Visit [missoulacounty.build](https://missoulacounty.build) to get started. Thanks to the streamlined process, you'll see faster approval times.
4. **Build with confidence:** Use the plan to guide your construction, knowing you've got a compliant, safe and cost-effective design ready to go.



**Example plans:**

- **Framed Garages:** Conventional framed one and two car garage/storage/workshops for a simple yet spacious option to store vehicles as well as other garden equipment, tools, etc.
- **Pole Barns:** Compared to traditional buildings, pole structures tend to be more affordable and can be used to house farm animals, feed, farm equipment or vehicles or provide extra storage space.
- **Shipping Container Storage:** A spacious but not fully enclosed option that provides significant storage space for larger items but not fully enclosed.
- **Customizable features:** Depending on your needs, some designs offer basic adjustments like door placement or window additions, as well as cost-saving foundation plans. Keep in mind there is only so much you can do to these pre-engineered structures and some customizations may require an Engineer of Record to review.