

Designing the Hobbyist

Situation: Design mistakes can turn dream buildings into nightmares. A common complaint within the post-frame industry, "I wish I would have gone bigger." Other leading complaints include window placement, door sizes, and placement of doors—All of these are design related.

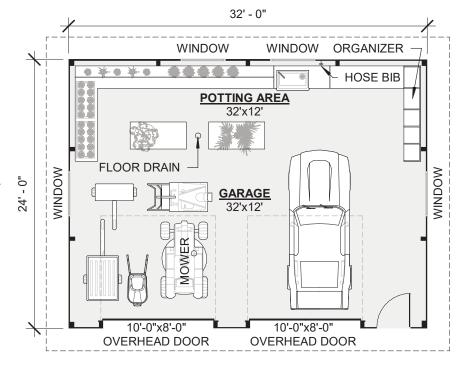
Big Idea: Designing and constructing purpose-built buildings for hobbyists is a core strength of Morton and how we create dream buildings for our customers.

How it Works: Over a series of conversations, a Morton Sales Consultant will visit with you to understand your wants and needs, assess the build site, and design a building tailored to how you intend to use the space now and in the future. Thinking through the interior layout will help ensure the proper amount and placement of windows and doors and avoid costly building modifications in the future.

The Benefits: Morton knows how to optimize the design of your backyard gardening shed for work and storage. Let Morton provide the best flow in, out, and around your structure so you efficiently work in and enjoy a better looking, longer lasting building.

Next Steps: Finalize and approve the design.

This floorplan shows the Hobbyist as a gardening shed.





Three Steps to Designing a Building Optimized for a Backyard Gardening Shed

Design Guidelines. Enjoy your outdoor gardening year-round. These tips provide an optimized layout for efficient, enjoyable, and productive use of your backyard gardening shed.

RECOMMENDATION	BENEFIT
Position workspaces towards the walls	Vehicles less likely to be damaged during storageMaintains open feeling when yard tools and vehicles are in the shop
Place windows in high traffic or high use workspaces	 Provides natural light Makes the space feel larger Able to watch/engage with family members in the yard
Avoid adding interior walls/dividers	• Large, open spaces are more comfortable to work
Place planting area to the South/Southeast	• Generally, provides the most daily sun for plant health and viewing enjoyment

Subcontracting Guidelines. Consider these popular mechanical, electrical, and plumbing needs for gardening sheds and the impact on the building design or construction process.

RECOMMENDATION	BENEFIT
Mechanical: Ceiling mounted heater	Comfortable space for those colder monthsAllow for year-round gardening enjoyment
Electrical: Placement of outlets for grow lights and charging of electric tools	 Eliminate shop electrical surges impacting office equipment Adequate available electricity for both shop and office use at the same time
Plumbing: Water faucets, floor drains	Avoid lengthy hose trip hazardsEasy clean up and water management
Site Prep/Concrete: Exterior size equal to interior dimensions of the building	 Clean, smooth, dirt-free environment Creates outdoor staging areas to prepare for departure or storage

Interior Modules. Modules help buyers finalize building design faster.

WHAT MORTON DOES	BENEFIT
Designs and Engineers building with module placement in mind	 Reduced total overall cost to the customer Faster overall building completion time Interior and exterior become seamless design vs. forcing interior layout to align with shell Ensures building code compliance when all construction is completed
Brings approved, insured external trade professionals to construct the module	 Hassle free construction process as the Sales Consultant remains single point of contact Reduced time customer spends searching for, vetting, and confirming licenses and insurance for additional trades

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