



# Shed, Barn or Garage Kits

## Use and Care Manual

Best Barns storage and garage kits provide the Do-it-Yourself homeowner with a quality and easy to assemble Shed, Barn, and Garage Kits. Best Barns has designed our kits to give years of use provided the kit is properly assembled and regular maintenance is given. This manual outlines important tips to help build and maintain your new building kit.

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### Prior to Assembly

Before assembly please read entire assembly manual. The “Important Information About Your Kit” provides valuable information about the entire assembly process. If you have any questions during construction please contact customer service at (800) 245-1577 or (724) 866-HELP (4357) if calling after business hours.

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### Tools Required

You will need:  
Hammer  
Circular Saw  
Framing Square  
Level  
Plum Line

Power Drill / Screwdriver  
Measuring Tape  
8' -10' Step Ladder

Scaffolding is recommended for larger models

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### Foundation Requirements

Your new shed, barn, or garage kit must be placed on a foundation that matches the size of the shed kit. See “Construction Details for FortressFloor System” in assembly manual. If placing on a concrete slab a sill sealer must be placed between bottom wall plate and the surface of the concrete as a moisture barrier.

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### Safety

Always wear safety glasses when cutting or nailing. Assembled walls and gable ends are heavy. It is recommended that you have additional help when erecting these components.

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### Venting

Best Barns shed, barn, or garage kits are designed to allow for ridge venting (purchased separately) to be installed. Venting allows for excess heat and moisture to escape.

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### SmartSide™ Siding

SmartSide™ siding is manufactured by Louisiana Pacific and infused with an anti-fungal and anti-termite compound. Two (2) coats of 100% acrylic paint or solid stain should be applied to face and exposed edges of siding.

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### Trim and Door Trim

All trim and door trim should be primed and have two (2) coats of 100% acrylic paint or solid stain along all exposed surface areas. Caulk above all doors, horizontal and vertical trim to prevent water intrusion.

**Windows**

Single pane non-insulated windows are optional items. Windows should be caulked prior to installation along the top and sides. Bottom edge should be left un-caulked to allow moisture to drain.

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**Shingles or Metal Roofing**

Shingles or metal roofing, drip edge and felt paper must be installed to properly protect your building from inclement weather.

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**Vegetation and Debris**

It is important to keep vegetation and debris from touching your shed exterior. Prolonged exposure to moisture caused by contact can cause deterioration of the siding, doors and trim. Insure that bottom of siding and doors are above ground level by at least two and one half inches (2-1/2"), as LP SmartSide™ warranty suggests.