



While the shed may be home to unsightly bags of fertilizer, beaten-up weed whackers, and old rakes, the building itself need no longer look like a tattered, prefabricated barn. Today's garden sheds take their inspiration from residential architecture, classical designs, and the needs of contemporary living spaces.

"You want to think about the lot, the house, and the landscape in relation to each other," explains architect David Gleason, AIA, of David H. Gleason Associates. "You want this composition of flower beds, lawn, and trees where the garden shed acts as a punctuation, something that attracts the eye and leads you through the garden."

Landscape architect Scott C. Scarfone, principal of Oasis Design Group, notes that in today's culture of accumulation, the shed has taken on increasing importance. "It's like the garage," he explains. "Understand how it is going to function and then double that." According to Scarfone, people often underestimate how much space they need, and end up with several garden sheds dotting



the landscape when one well-designed shed would suffice. He suggests making a list of all the lawn and garden equipment, outdoor

game equipment, pots, fertilizer, and even pool accessories that need to be stored. "That will roughly tell you the square-footage you need."