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Everything about Sheds and Similar Structures by Abner Kent

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The word â€˜shedâ€™ is a variant of â€˜shadeâ€™; its common definition is â€œa small simple building, u wood or metal, used for keeping things in.â€œ A more elaborate explanation is â€œa one-storey building storing goods or vehicles or keeping cattle etc or for use as workshop etc and consisting of roof with some or all or no sides open.

By above definitions, any single-storey structure (except dwellings) is a shed. The main criterion is the â€˜useâ€™ of sheds rather than its construction. Types of sheds include barn, cattle shed, farm shed, garden shed, potting shed, greenhouse, industrial shed, patio, shed garages, carport and garaport. Let us examine the differences of each.

Barn: is a large farm building for storing grain or keeping animals in, for example a hay barn. Dutch barn is a type of barn without walls that has a roof supported on poles, which is used for storing hay.

Cattle Shed: while a barn may serve as a place for keeping animals, not all barns are cattle sheds, also called cow sheds in Britain.

Farm Shed: another name for barns. However, farms sheds could be smaller than barns and the purpose could be storing farm implements.

Garden Shed: generally, every garden has a shed for storing lawnmowers, garden tools, pots, seeds, manure and all other stuff required to maintain a garden. A garden shed may also serve as potting shed.

Potting Shed: these may form a part of garden or farm, and used for growing seeds and young plants before they are replanted. A greenhouse is also a type of shed but its use is mainly for raising mature plants in pots and beds.

Industrial Sheds: used for conducting manufacturing activities. These could range from a small, single building to several small to big identical units spread over acres of land.

Patio: is a flat hard area outside, usually behind a house where people can sit and it could be with or without roof, i.e. open to sky.

Garages, Shed Garages, Carports and Garaports: are different names for keeping cars / vehicles. Garage is a general term; in many countries, itâ€™s a place where vehicles get repaired. Shed garages are buildings closed from all sides with a door / shutter in front and they could be for 1 to 3 vehicles. Carport is usually built beside a house and is open, i.e. a roof supported by posts. Garaport is a combination of a garage and carport; three sides covered but open in front.

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