



# Required Setbacks

**accessory structures,  
swimming pools and sport courts**

This handout summarizes setback requirements for single-family residential properties. It is not all inclusive. Please contact a planner at 952-939-8290 with specific questions regarding your project.

	Accessory Structure		Detached Garage	pool or sport court
	Less than 120 sq. ft	120 sq. ft and greater		
<b>Front:</b> local street	Behind the rear building line of the principal structure.	50 ft if between the principal structure and the street.	35 ft	Behind the front building line of the principal structure.
<b>Front:</b> collector/arterial street			50 ft	
<b>Side</b>	0 ft	10 ft	10 ft	15 ft to water edge 10 ft to pool apron
<b>Rear</b>	0 ft	10 ft	10 ft	15 ft to water edge 10 ft to pool apron
<b>Shoreland</b>	See " <b>Shoreland District</b> " handout			
<b>Floodplain</b>	10 ft	10 ft	10 ft	10 ft
<b>Wetland</b>	35–60 ft depending on wetland classification	35–60 ft depending on wetland classification	35–60 ft depending on wetland classification	35–60 ft depending on wetland classification

## Special Notes

- A **Front Property Line** is any property line that abuts a public street or right-of-way, regardless of the orientation of the house.
- A **Rear Property Line** is the property line opposite and most distant from a front property line.
- A **Side Property Line** is any property line other than a front or rear property line.
- Setbacks are measured perpendicular from a lot line to the closest point of the foundation of a structure.
- City code requires minimum setbacks from natural features of a property including: ordinary high water level of lakes and creeks, floodplain elevations, and the delineated edges of wetlands. If your property includes any such features, please contact a planner regarding your project.
- Single-family residential properties are allowed a maximum of 1,000 square-feet of accessory structures. A **Conditional Use Permit** is required to exceed 1,000 square feet.
- Accessory structures are allowed up to a maximum of 12 ft in height. A **Conditional Use Permit** is required to exceed 12 feet.