

RGS STRUCTURES POLICY

From April 2016 if you are thinking of erecting a new structure or replacing an old one on your plot, please note the following points:

1. General points:

- 1.1. No allotment tenant has a right to erect any permanent or semi-permanent structure (see your Letting Agreement www.roehamptonallotments.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/allotments-tenancy-agreement.pdf). No poured concrete bases to be laid for any structure or path.
- 1.2. The maximum height for any structure is 2.3m (7' 6")
- 1.3. At least 60% of the tenant's plot or total holding if more than one plot is rented must be retained as **open growing space** available for cultivation. Grass areas, paths and paved areas etc. are not considered available for cultivation. Fruit cages are considered open growing space.
- 1.4. Any structure must be stable and secure, maintained in good repair. It must open onto the plot holder's own plot, must not cast undue shade on neighbouring plots, and must not be located or constructed in such a way as to inconvenience a neighbour, cause a hazard or obstruction.
- 1.5. No structures may be constructed within 450mm (18") of the perimeter fence.
- 1.6. If a structure is erected after April 2016 that contravenes these processes below, the tenant will be instructed to remove it, or the RGS will charge the tenant for the cost of removing it.
- 1.7. If you are in any doubt please speak to your Site Secretary or email root@roehamptonallotments.co.uk

2. Major Structures: no more than 3 Major Structures will be permitted on any one plot:

2.1 Storage Space: e.g. sheds, tool chests, other storage higher than 4' (1.25m)

- 2.11 Written permission must be obtained from either the relevant Site Secretary or Chair of RGS before any shed is purchased and put in place. See relevant form.
- 2.12 The maximum footprint is 6' x 4' (1.8m x 1.2m).

2.2 Covered Growing Space: e.g. greenhouse or poly tunnel:

- 2.21 Before erecting a greenhouse or poly tunnel you must consult with your Site Secretary or the Chair of RGS.
- 2.22 These structures will be considered as **covered growing space** and will be counted as part of the 40% "structures allowance".

2.3 Chicken Coops:

Please see the guidelines: www.roehamptonallotments.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/wandsworth-agreement-to-keep-poultry.pdf

If you do not have internet access a hard copy will be supplied on request.

- 2.31 Written permission must be obtained to erect a chicken coop. (see para 1.6 above). Applications must include plans for demolition once the coop is no longer needed.
- 2.32 The footprint of the structure to house poultry plus the chicken run should not exceed 30% of the total size of the tenant's holding.

2.33 If a plot holder ceases to hold an allotment with a chicken coop, arrangements must be in place to remove the any structures associated with the chickens.

3. Other Structures: Plant supports, fruit cages, fencing, trellis, compost bins, tool boxes, water butts, cold frames do not require permission to install but must comply with the **General Points** specified in **paragraph 1** above.

NB. If in conflict with an RGS decision you may appeal to Wandsworth Borough Council.