

Pittsfield Village Condominium Association

Exterior Storage Box Specifications

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Purpose and Compliance

These specifications are intended to allow for the storage and protection of items used outdoors such as gardening and grilling tools, bicycles, sports equipment, deck cushions and covers, etc. in containers appropriately scaled to our buildings which are relatively unobtrusive in size, placement, design, and color.

Owners are required to empty and move Storage Boxes to accommodate necessary Village maintenance.

Owners with current Storage Boxes that have not been approved by the Village will be required to become compliant within these specifications.

Approval

Requests for Storage Boxes must be submitted to the Maintenance and Modification Committee for approval. The Modification request form must include a photo of the proposed unit and a drawing of its proposed location.

Appearance, Design, and Number

- Storage Boxes must:
 - be manufactured of non-decaying material.
 - be earth-tone or evergreen in color or painted to match the main building color.
 - have a bottom, a top, and three or four sides.
 - be maintained in clean and functional condition.
- Each Village home may have one on-deck Storage Box, one deck-adjacent Storage Box, and one porch Storage Box.

Location and Dimensions

Storage Boxes are permitted only on the back side of buildings and on entry porches, as follows:

- On-deck Storage Boxes may be placed:
 - Against the building, under the eaves, not attached to the siding, not covering a window, and with an air space left between the building and the back of the Storage Box. Such Storage Boxes may be up to 72" tall x 36" wide x 24" deep.
 - Adjacent to the deck railing, up to the height of the railing.

- On-ground Storage Boxes:
 - must sit on level ground or on a platform if needed to level a slope.
 - may only be placed with the long side against the deck, without obstructing windows, and away from air conditioning units.
 - may have maximum dimensions of 54" tall, 84" long, and 36" deep, but may not exceed the height of the deck railing

- Porch Storage Boxes are allowed if:
 - the Storage Box fits entirely within the porch area behind the door, not overhanging any portion of the porch slab.
 - the storm door can be opened at least 90 degrees without coming in contact with the Storage Box.
 - the height does not exceed 25".

Additional Storage Options

Tool holder/hanger strips which have been selected for their durability and weather-resistance are available to be purchased from and installed by the Maintenance staff on a time and materials basis (at the co-owner's cost) when their work schedule allows. These do not require prior approval of the Committee. Co-owners may submit requests to the Committee for other similar hangers, but these must be installed by the Maintenance staff to prevent damage to the building shingles and trim.

Tents designed for seasonal bicycle storage made by a variety of manufacturers may be substituted for one of the two Storage Boxes allowed per unit on the rear of buildings without prior approval of the Committee as long as:

- the long side is placed against the side of the deck.
- the color is earth tone or green.
- the tent is no larger than 72" high x 80" long x 32" deep.
- the tent is kept in clean condition and in good repair.

Note: Association Rules also allow bicycles to be stored on front porches while in active use.

Exceptions

The Committee shall have the authority to grant approval for Storage Boxes and their placement on or next to patios and decks without railings in keeping with the intended purpose. No Storage Box in these locations shall exceed the size limitations listed in this specification.