

Do it yourself checklist for pergolas, garden arches and trellis'

Building Approval is not required for pergolas, garden arches and trellis' that meet the below criteria.

A **Planning Permit** or **Plumbing Approval** may still be required.

Building work can be undertaken by: a licensed builder, the property owner or any competent person, but must comply with the requirements of the National Construction Code (NCC).

Step 1

Planning Permit Checklist

- ☐ I have a current Planning Permit for my pergola, garden arch or trellis.
- or
- ☐ I have written confirmation from Council's Planners that I do not require a Planning Permit for my pergola, garden arch or trellis.

What if I do not have either of these?

A basic plan will need to be drawn that shows the dimensions of your shed, garage or carport and where on your land it will be built. The plan can be drawn by yourself or any competent person.

Send the plan to Council's planners for review. Plans can be emailed to mail@mvc.tas.gov.au or you can deliver your plan to Council's customer service office at 26 Lyall Street, Westbury. Include the address of the property where the building is intended to be built and your contact details. If you are unsure, or need help, contact Council on 6393 5300 and ask to speak with a planner.

Step 2

Building Approval Checklist

- ☐ My pergola, garden arch or trellis is being built as a stand alone project and not part of a larger project that is or would be classified as Category 3 or 4 Building Work.
- ☐ It will be free standing.

Size Limitations

- ☐ My pergola, garden arch or trellis will be no larger than 36m².
- ☐ My pergola, garden arch or trellis will be no higher than 3.5m overall from finished ground level.
- ☐ It will not have a roof OR will be covered by a permeable material (e.g shade cloth).

Site and Location Limitations

- ☐ My pergola, garden arch or trellis will not be constructed over an on-site waste water management system.
- ☐ No building work will be undertaken within 2m of an easement or other infrastructure.
- ☐ Fire separation will be provided in accordance with the NCC.*

*Vol 2, Part 3.7.1.6 for a Class 10a building.

Category 1 - Low Risk Building Work

Additional Requirements

- ☐ Building work will comply with the construction requirements of the NCC.
- ☐ If the value of the work is more than \$20,000, payment of the State Government statutory fees and levies will be made to Council.

Be certain about what is required

Building regulations are complex and mistakes can be costly. It is the responsibility of you and/or your builder to ensure that your garage, shed or carport complies with all of the criteria listed above and the requirements of the National Construction Code (NCC).

If you or your builder are unsure, a licensed building surveyor will be able to provide you with advice.

More information and a list of local building surveyors can be found by selecting Building & Plumbing from the menu on Council's website at www.meander.tas.gov.au