



## **Division of Building Safety**

### **Detached Accessory Structures**

Per the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, **Building Permits** are not required for one-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses, or similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 256 square feet. However, these structures are not exempt from compliance with the USBC and must be installed in accordance with all other local codes and ordinances, including *environmental* and *zoning*.

*Exception: Application for permit may be required by the Building Official for these installations when located in a special flood hazard area.*