

Round Timber Gazebos, Greenhouses & *Forest Retreat Sheds*

Vale Greenhouses, Round Timber Gazebos and Forest Retreat Sheds are only available with our installation service, the Greenhouses and Forest Retreat Sheds will be delivered and installed on the same day by our expert team of fitters, whilst our Round Timber Gazebos will be delivered separately prior to our team of installers arriving.

All of these products are hand built to order at our M&M Timber site in Worcestershire so there may be a lead time of 3-4 Weeks for Vale Greenhouses and 4-6 Weeks for Round Timber Gazebos and Forest Retreat Sheds. We'll keep in touch and make sure you know the progress of your product and when to expect delivery.

Because of their size and weight our Gazebos are normally delivered via a kerb side pallet drop delivery by a crane off-load vehicle. We typically plan to deliver to the front garden or drive. It is important that there is sufficient space and access for your Gazebo to be delivered to your property. We would suggest that if a fire engine can get to the access point then so can our delivery vehicle. If you have any concerns please talk to our team.



An installation will typically take from 1-3 days depending on the size of structure ordered and the type of roof, most are installed within a day.

All of these buildings are non-permanent structures that are 'free standing' and do not require foundations (just a firm, level base). These types of building do not normally require planning permission.

- If your building will be within 2m of the boundary with your neighbour then you need to make sure that the maximum overall height of the building is no more than 2.5m, if this is the case you would potentially need planning permission.
- If the building is more than 2m from the boundary with your neighbour's property then then the building can have a maximum overall height of 4m for an Apex roof.

It is the responsibility of the customer to ensure any planning permissions are sought, if in any doubt please contact your local planning authority.

The Importance of a Level Base

If you have an existing base and think it's suitable for your new shed to be sited on then it is imperative you check that it is level and doesn't deviate by any more than 15mm from edge to edge. If this isn't the case the shed will twist, causing gaps to appear in the sections and the roof, doors and windows to misalign.



To check that your base is level, place a straight edged piece of timber across the length of the base and place a spirit level on top of the timber near the centre. The bubble in the spirit level should sit comfortably within the 2 centre lines. Repeat the process across the width of the base.

If the base is not level, it is important that you rectify the problem before any installation can begin.

Base Preparation

These buildings can only be installed on a pre-prepared level base with no slopes. A solid finish is required for the base area, it must be concrete, tarmac, paving slabs or another solid secure material. The buildings cannot be installed on grass, soil, loose gravel or other loose material surfaces. We cannot install Forest Retreat Sheds on a timber Shed Base.

In the case of the Gazebos, the base can be the shape of the Gazebo, or as a square, rectangle or circle provided it is large enough to secure the whole floor area.

Suitable Bases

Concrete

Concrete is by far the best material for any size base to be constructed from. One of the biggest advantages is that it won't shift due to the movement of the sub soil beneath the base, a problem that can occur with other types of base.

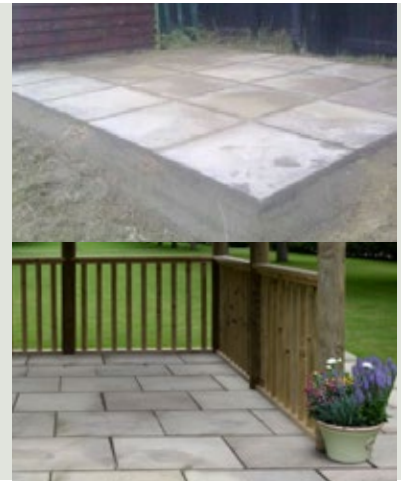
A concrete base should ideally sit on a good dressing of sharp sand and hardcore to allow for adequate drainage of rainwater.



Concrete Slabs

Concrete slabs are the next best alternative to a concrete base. The slabs should be laid in such a way to form a continuous base with no large gaps between each slab.

As with a concrete base, a concrete slab base should ideally sit on a good dressing of sharp sand and hardcore to allow for adequate drainage of rainwater.



Unsuitable Bases

The example images below show unsuitable bases which would result in an aborted assembly by our fitting teams. An unlevel base means the structure walls will not sit square to the floor. This will cause the structure to be unsecure and pull apart over time.



Unstable Foundation

A stable foundation is needed to support the building's weight. Without this the structure can sink and pull apart over time.



Sloping Base

An unlevel base means the walls will not sit square to the floor. This will cause the structure to be unsecure and pull apart over time.

Gazebo Suggested Base Size

3m Hexagonal Garden Gazebo	3.2m x 3.2m
3.6m Hexagonal Garden Gazebo	3.7m x 3.7m
4m Hexagonal Garden Gazebo	4.2m x 4.2m
4.7m Hexagonal Garden Gazebo	4.9m x 4.9m
5.1m Premium Oval Gazebo	5.2m x 3.7m
6m Premium Oval Gazebo	6.2m x 4.8m
3.5m Square Garden Gazebo	3.6m x 3.6m

