Minimum Packing Shed Needs

Food safety CAN be accomplished WITHOUT a state-of the-art shed.

- Water tested, free of detectible generic E. coli
- Access to toilet and hand washing facilities
- A system to sanitize equipment and tools
- Non-porous, no niche, cleanable **food-contact** surfaces
- **Designated** space, not shared with machines/repair
- Adequate Drainage
- Shade and protection from the elements
- Don't attract and harbor: Rodents, flies, birds and pets

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Pest Control In Buildings

Take measures reasonably necessary to protect produce, food contact surfaces, and food-packing materials from contamination by pests in buildings, including routine monitoring for pests as necessary and appropriate.

For fully-enclosed buildings, you must take measures to exclude pests from your buildings.

For partially-enclosed buildings, you must take measures to prevent pests from becoming established in your buildings.

packing area into storage and out to transportation

Map the flow of produce from the field through the

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TRANSPORTATION

Equipment used to transport produce must be: - Adequately clean before use transporting produce - Adequate for use in transporting produce

- General cleanliness

- Has it been used for other purposes?

- Broken plastic, glass windows, metal parts

 Does the load need to be covered?

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Low Tech – Low Cost

Materials

- 4" Perforated drain pipe
- 3/4" (or larger) washed gravel
- Permeable landscape fabric
- Plastic tarp

- Tape measure
- Turf cutter or garden spade

- Straight 8' 2 x 4

The Most Important Part Of The French Drain Is The Slope Use a 2 x 4 with a level on top to slope trench to outlet.

The French drain should slope at least 1% – 2% (~ 1/8 - 1/4 inch per foot) toward the discharge location.

- Check local codes



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Add Gravel

- Add 1" - 12" of washed gravel to the bottom of the trench.

- Don't use gravel with fines that could clog or block the holes in the drainpipe.

- Use clear gravel to surround the pipe for the same reason.

- Consider if hiring a septic designer is needed.



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Sloped Floors and Surfaces - Pathogens and flies can breed in standing water.

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Floor Drain – Everything Clean it! Manage drain water and soil properly so it doesn't contaminate - Water sources - Crops

- Contact Surfaces

- Never direct a French drain or any other drainage: - Into crops - To a neighbor's property without permission - Do not allow puddling

Discharge options include; submerged dry wells, water

gardens, storm sewers, wetlands, a bioswales.



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Floor Trap – Pathogen persistence and reproduction - Clean and sanitize on schedule



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