

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO PREPARE A SITE FOR MY BUILDING? That's a GREAT question! Proper site preparation can make our delivery team's job a lot easier as well as add to the security, ease of use, and even the life span of your building. What does proper site preparation look like? That can depend on several things. What type of building are you purchasing? How will your building be used? How large will it be? What does your town or county require? What is your site like now? Is it level? Are there rocks and trees that will make placing the building where you want it, a difficult job? Is your soil, solid and well-drained? OF COURSE, A LEVEL GRAVEL, OR CONCRETE PAD IN THE MIDDLE OF AN OPEN FIELD IS ALWAYS IDEAL!. Admittedly, it's not always realistic.

LET'S EXPLORE COMMON OPTIONS.

DIRT:

A small to a moderately sized building (8x10 to maybe 14x32) can often be safely set and blocked directly off of the ground if the site is level or even moderately sloped. Our delivery team can block and level a building with one corner at grade to as high as 36" on the opposite corner at no additional charge. THE CUSTOMER IS RESPONSIBLE TO PROVIDE THE CEMENT BLOCKS unless prior arrangements have been made with the hauler. Can a 14x40 or larger building be set on an unprepared dirt site? Possibly, but you run a larger risk of your building settling, piers shifting, and having issues with doors and windows closing properly.

Soil type, drainage, and the weight of what you plan to put into the building are all things that should be considered when choosing a site for your building.

Another thing to REMEMBER, ESPECIALLY WITH LARGE BUILDINGS.; JUST BECAUSE YOUR SITE LOOKS RELATIVELY LEVEL, DOES NOT MEAN THAT IT IS! A 2' GRADE DIFFERENCE IN 32' TURNS INTO 3' at 48' and almost 3.5' at 54' LONG. Many of us live in areas where "level" means it basically slopes in one direction!

GRAVEL:

FOR LARGER STORAGE BUILDINGS AND GARAGES, A LEVEL, GRAVEL PAD IS A GREAT OPTION. (One of the pictures below shows a great set for a 16x40 LOFTED barn. The customer did a great job of preparing a pad by setting railroad ties around the perimeter and then filling that with gravel!)

FOOTER PADS:

Digging holes and pouring pads below the frost line for each stack of blocks is a great way to get a solid and secure set for your CABIN, GARAGE, or STORAGE BUILDING. This is especially true for 14x40 and larger structures. In some areas, it may also be required by your county. I HAVE INCLUDED PICTURES OF THE SITE PREPARATION FOR OUR OWN 16x40 CABIN! Footer pads should be PLACED A MINIMUM OF EVERY 8' on each runner. (A RUNNER SPACING CHART IS INCLUDED BELOW) Be aware that your county or town may require them to be placed closer than 8'.

PIERS OR PERMANENT FOUNDATIONS:

Can I build my piers or permanent foundation before the building arrives? Possibly! The LOFTED BARN CABIN in the picture was set on prepared piers. IF you have level access to the end of your foundation and the foundation is not taller than 28" or so it may be possible. The size of your building also makes a big difference as to whether our team can set your building or not. Ask your dealer or hauler to be sure. If you have a drainage problem; digging a ditch, laying a drainage pipe and filling it with gravel (as shown in the pictures) is a good solution.

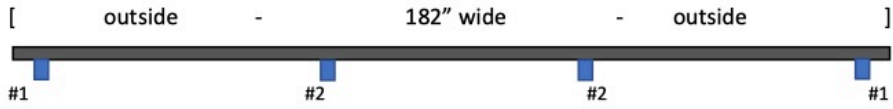
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Have a blessed day! Wayne Yoder

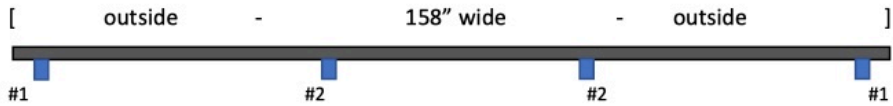


16' Floor System



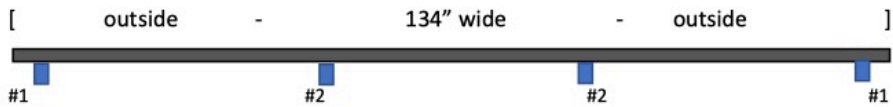
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 [59.5" Edge of floor to Center of Runner #2 from each side]

14' Floor System



[8.25" Edge of floor to Center of Runner #1 on each side]
 [47.5" Edge of floor to Center of Runner #2 from each side]

12' Floor System



[8.25" Edge of floor to Center of Runner #1 on each side]
 [35.5" Edge of floor to Center of Runner #2 from each side]

8' & 10' Floor Systems



8' [16.75" Edge of floor to Center of Runner #1 from each side]
 10' [28.75" Edge of floor to Center of Runner #1 from each side]



