

PCD QUICK TIPS - PERSONAL GREENHOUSES

A greenhouse is a great investment for gardeners, offering a controlled environment that helps plants grow better and for longer. If you are considering building a greenhouse in unincorporated El Paso County the following standards will apply.

PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS

- Personal greenhouses over 200 square feet require a building permit or an agricultural structure exemption from the Building Code (subject to approval).
- Personal greenhouses located in the A-35 zoning district do not require a building permit or an exemption from the Building Code.
- All electrical, plumbing, and mechanical work installed within a personal greenhouse must comply with the Building Code.

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Greenhouses must be kept in good structural condition. The owner is responsible for repairing or removing any greenhouse that suffers from poor maintenance.

STANDARDS

- Personal greenhouses shall only be used for horticultural purposes such as growing fruits and vegetables.
- Marijuana-related activities, commercial and non-commercial uses that allow public access, and non-horticultural related activities are prohibited.

- The size of a personal greenhouse cannot exceed 1,000 square feet. Special use approval is needed if the personal greenhouse exceeds this limit (subject to approval).

RESOURCES

To view the complete regulations for greenhouses or for more information:

- Visit the El Paso County Land Development Code at www.library.municode.com/co/el_paso_county
- Call us at 719-520-6300