

## DESIGN CHECKLIST

# ADU Design Checklist

Use this checklist to ensure your ADU design covers every critical element before submitting for permits.

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## Site & Dimensions

- Confirmed lot size meets 5,000 sq ft minimum
- ADU footprint stays within 850 sq ft maximum
- All setbacks measured and verified (5 ft rear & side)
- Height of structure confirmed under 24 ft
- Driveway and parking accommodation planned
- Utility easements identified and avoided

## Interior Requirements

- Kitchen with sink, stove, and refrigerator space
- Full bathroom with toilet, sink, and shower/tub
- Bedroom with minimum ceiling height of 7 ft 6 in
- Separate private entrance from main dwelling
- Natural light in all habitable rooms (8% of floor area)
- Ventilation meets building code in all rooms
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors planned
- Electrical panel sized for independent unit

## Design Best Practices

**Match the Main House**

Use complementary exterior materials, colors, and window styles to maintain neighborhood character.

**Maximize Natural Light**

Position windows for cross-ventilation and daylighting — especially important in smaller spaces.

**Plan for Storage**

Built-ins and smart storage solutions make compact ADUs feel significantly larger.

**Universal Design**

Consider wider doorways and accessible features to broaden your future tenant pool.