

Base Preparation and Timber Treatment

There are many different base types that are suitable for this range of garden buildings. These range from compressed hard-core, tarmac, railway sleepers etc. However to ensure the long term durability of your new garden building we recommend that the following simple steps should be taken to prepare a good quality base.

A solid foundation is necessary for the installation of any good quality garden building.

Depending on the soil type and consistency this should be removed to a depth of approx. 15 cm (6ins). The next stage is to fill in with a coarse sand or gravel, compact and then lay concrete slabs or put down concrete. It is important to ensure that the top of this base is level and above the surrounding ground level to avoid water collecting.

A firm, flat, level base will prevent any unnecessary problems (i.e. windows and doors jamming) and assist with the long term durability and appeal of your garden building. It is also recommended that you make your base a little larger than the stated dimensions of the building (Approx. 15cm) simply for strength and allow a margin for error. Finally apply a layer of gravel around your garden buildings this permits water to soak away more readily and prevents splash back onto the walls.

Most of our garden buildings are delivered untreated (unless stated otherwise)- it is important to protect your garden building against the effects of wood boring insects (and other insects) sun, water and u.v. light soon after installation. This should be done with the application of a good quality wood preservative to all surfaces (inside and outside) as soon as possible, again after about 3 - 6 months, and then annually thereafter.