



7 Questions To Help You Find The Perfect Tiny Home



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1. Will You Be Moving Around Constantly Or Staying Put In One Location?

This is something to consider right away as some Tiny Homes are not made to be on the road often.

Whether they are too tall, too wide or even too heavy; this is 100% the first thing you should considering when purchasing a tiny home as it will most likely affect the tiny home design you choose the most!

2. How Heavy Is The Tiny Home & What Do I Need To Pull It?

Majority of Tiny Home Owners know they need a powerful SUV or Truck to tow their unit around. However in some cases (if your home is heavy enough) you will actually need to use a mobile home hauler to get it around.

Not only are those things pricey, they usually do not allow you to go very far. If you are staying in one place that may not be a problem but the weight of the unit really is a huge factor to consider when looking into a tiny home as the bigger you go; an upgrade (and additional cost) for a more powerful truck may be needed as well.





3. How Tall, Wide & Long Is it?

The last time I hammer on things related to Point #1 I promise! But the fact is if the tiny home is too wide, too long or too tall it actually may not be allowed on the road without a special permit. Not only are those permits pricey; but they are usually one time move type of permits. Think of the “Wide Load” signs you see on trucks pulling tractors with usually a truck in front and behind it to keep other drivers aware of what they are pulling.

Width is a huge factor but height may be an even bigger one as towing your tiny home on certain roads may not be possible if they have bridges or other things hanging at a certain height.

Height is always a bit tougher to gauge when driving and the last thing anyone wants is smashing the top section of their tiny home into an overhang you misjudged by a foot!



4. Solar Panels, Propane Gas or Both?

So again this depends on how much you will be travelling, how the unit will be used and what you have access too.

Solar panels or even propane ran appliances have seen a huge uptick in recent years as access to these type of power options have become more and more affordable.

While we see many customers attempt to hook up / install their own solar panels PLEASE do not attempt that with propane. Always used a skilled contractor to install the gas lines to keep you and your tiny home safe!

****Pro Tip: If you are going with Propane and drink coffee grab something like this instead to heat up your water each morning. Boiling a kettle on a gas stove eats up WAYYYY more propane than we imagined and this is a good way to save time, gas and money!**



5. Loft or No Loft?

Making this decision will eliminate half of all tiny house designs one way or another. In general if you are younger and without kids under the age of 2 living with you a loft is a popular choice because of the extra space you open up on the “main floor”.

For families with really young kids climbing up and down the loft to feed a baby in the middle of the night or even making sure they don't roll off the top when they are a bit older can get a bit tiresome. It goes without saying that elderly tiny home owners usually forgo the stairs / loft idea purely so the home ages well with them!



6. Going Off Grid Or RV Style?

Will you be using a compost toilet or hooking up your toilet / shower more RV style? While many people choose the RV route we have seen a HUGE increase in those looking to go a bit more off grid with composting toilets and grey water systems.

Really just depends on how you will be using the home and what type of hookups you have access too!

****Pro Tip: [ShopTinyHouses.com](https://www.shoptinyhouses.com) is the largest seller of composting toilets in the U.S. They sell 3x more composting toilets than Amazon does. Check them out for any type of tiny home accessory or appliance!**



7. Can You Have At Least 2 Multi-Use Spaces / Furniture Pieces

This is not a set rule or number by any means but the fact of the matter is that if you choose to live tiny; 90% of you will be downsizing from what you currently have.

Don't get us wrong, we know many people who live tiny DO get rid of a lot of things so they can fit in their space nicely. But as with everything in life, the longer you stay in something or somewhere; the more stuff you WILL accumulate.

Making sure the stairs to your loft also has space / cubbies to place items is a good start. Ensuring your living room couch can pull out into

an extra bed. Better yet make sure you have storage access underneath it!

Living Tiny can be awesome, but finding unique ways to create a bit more space (within the precious square feet you have) will make your experience an even better one!



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