

## **Guide to Foundations**

### **A Good quality Garden Office needs Good Foundations**



A permanent Garden Office or all-year-round Garden Room needs solidly constructed foundations. Rock solid foundations protect your building from variable ground conditions. They also stop your building blowing away in storms. Unpredictable weather in the UK means that ground conditions can go from drought to flood in a short space of time and that inadequate foundations can easily be undermined.

A lightweight or temporary Office may be OK placed on level ground, but you need to think about the Pros & Cons. It could be blown away. It could subside. It makes sense to have a solid support of some type. An old garage base can sometimes be a perfectly adequate foundation for an office, if the concrete is thick and hasn't degraded in any way.

### **Installation**

Some Garden Office suppliers will install a base or foundations for you. Others expect you to organise this yourself. Ask your supplier if they intend to install the foundations for you, or if you have to put them in yourself. Find out what is included in their price.

Are they going to survey the garden for you and provide drawings, etc for Foundation installation. This is particularly important if you are building an Office with a W.C or Shower.

Who is going to take responsibility for the drainage? Drainage always needs a building regulations application. Will your Office builder make the application for you?

It is always better to ask questions now, to avoid problems and mistakes later!

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