Greenhouses and Storage Buildings in Mariposa County

All building permit applications are routed to the Planning Department for a determination regarding use and applicability of development standards, established by the Zoning Ordinance and other regulations. A building permit for a greenhouse or storage building will not be authorized if a project does not comply with the Zoning Ordinance.

**NOTE:** Mariposa County prohibits ALL commercial activities associated with medical and recreational marijuana, including growing, processing and sale. Similarly, industrial hemp is not permitted in the county or state at this time. Mariposa County has an active code compliance program for prohibited activities associated with marijuana.

The Zoning Ordinance establishes provisions for agricultural uses and agricultural processing activities. The provisions vary, based on project location, project size, parcel size, project design, and the project site’s zoning designation. A greenhouse or storage building project may be:

- Permitted
- Conditionally permitted (requires conditional use permit)
- Prohibited

In order to authorize a building permit application for a greenhouse or storage building in Mariposa County, the applicant will be required to provide detailed information regarding the proposed project, including the agricultural activity (or activity) to be conducted within the greenhouse or storage building, and on-site.

If the greenhouse or storage building, and use are permitted or conditionally permitted, potential conditions or other agency permits which may be required in conjunction with a conditional use permit or building permit for a greenhouse include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Detailed engineered grading and erosion control plans
2. Detailed access and parking plan
3. Encroachment permit (from Caltrans or County Public Works Department)
4. General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Construction Activity (from Regional Water Quality Control Board)
5. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan or SWWPP
6. Streambed Alternation Agreement (from CA Department of Fish and Wildlife)
7. Reporting to County Agricultural Commissioner
8. Compliance with State Fire Safe Regulations (enforced by CALFIRE)
9. Hazardous Materials Business Plan (from County Health Department)
10. Well permit and water testing (quality) (from County Health Department)
11. Agricultural Burn Permit (from County Health Department)
12. Restroom facilities for employees
13. On-site sewage disposal system permit (from County Health Department)
14. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination