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Lot Size	Maximum accessory structure area	Maximum total individual accessory structures footprint
Less than ½ acre	No greater than 3,000 s.f. 800 sq. ft.	No greater than 4
½ an acre to 1 acre	No greater than 4,000 s.f. 1,000 sq. ft.	1,000 sq. ft.
1 acre to 3 acres	No greater than 4,000 s.f. 1,500 sq. ft.	3 or more acres
3 or more acres	Must be smaller No specific limit, No specific limit, than principal lot coverage	lot coverage building, may be applies applies located in any yard(front, side, or rear)

4 Ground mounted solar panels are exempt from footprint size limitations of this Section 4.1.6, but not lot coverage limitations. 5 Historic storage or accessory structures on properties identified on the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS) or by the local or state Massachusetts Historical Commissions will not count towards maximum allowable square footage for the purposes of adding new accessory structures: however, expanding an existing historic structure will be counted towards the allowable square footage.

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