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## Top 3 Pole Barn Building Regrets

Pole barn building comes with several customization options. You would think most people would get exactly what they want in the building process; however, some pole barn owners have regrets. These regrets may follow design choices made to stay within budget, a faster build rate, and various other reasons. Luckily, these regrets usually can be fixed—but it comes with a price! This goes to show you need to dive into your pole barn build with a precise plan. There are a few considerations to keep in mind about the choices you make before you go about building. Think about your needs prebuild, immediately after, and what you'll need years from now. Don't make these mistakes yourself! Here are the top three most common pole barn building regrets.

### **Pole Barn Building Regret #1: Size**

The first, and probably the most common regret, is the original chosen size of the pole barn. The post framing method allows the pole barn to grow to immaculate sizes if the owner chooses to do so. However, building the biggest pole barn available is not an option or a necessity for everyone. Although the build doesn't need to take up the majority of your property, it's better to have excess room than not enough room.

Take this scenario, for example. Let's say you've decided to build a pole barn in the summer at the dimensions to store your camper. Now, winter rolls around, and you want a dedicated space to work on your car. You realize the pole barn would be a great place to work on cars! However, you're lacking space to store both the camper and car within the barn. Adding just a little bit of extra square footage will allow you to utilize more space within your pole barn over the years.

### **Pole Barn Building Regret #2: Extra Features**

Now, let's discuss the next most common pole barn build regret—choosing not to add extra features. Extra features that can be added to a pole barn will stretch a mile long. Overhang porches, lofts, interior finishes, and laying concrete hardly touch into the extra features that can be added to pole barns. When people think of extra features, they may develop the thought that they are not necessary for their pole barn. Why spend money where you don't need to? Although this is true, some of these extra features will add to the functionality of your pole barn. Yes, adding these extra features will bring up the total cost of your pole barn. However, it's better to incorporate it into your build now than regret not doing it later.

### **Pole Barn Building Regret #3: Door Choice**

As for the last pole barn build regret, we have door choices. Each pole barn is created for different purposes. Livestock barn, agricultural equipment storage, mechanic shop, lounge area, etc., are all

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reasons to build a pole barn. Door choice can be a crucial choice to make when considering the purpose for building your pole barn in the first place. The three most common door choices from least to most expensive are sliding doors, overhead doors, and hydraulic doors. Many pole barn owners will choose sliding doors for their project because it's the least expensive. They may not have considered the struggle of manually opening and closing the door when they frequently move equipment in and out. Making choices to stay within budget is always recommended. Nevertheless, consider how these choices will impact the functionality of your pole barn years down the line!

### Questions:

#### 1. What are the most common pole barn building regrets?

Pole barn building allows for various customizations. You would think most people would get exactly what they want in the building process; however, some pole barn owners have regrets. These regrets may follow design choices made to stay within budget, a faster build rate, and various other reasons. The top three pole barn building regrets are size, not adding extra features, and door choice.

#### 2. Why should I add extra square footage to my pole barn?

Have a precise plan for your pole barn prior to building. Many people underestimate the amount of space they'll need in the long run—which makes them regret choosing the original size of their pole barn build. Adding just a little bit of extra square footage will allow you to utilize more space within your pole barn over the years.

#### 3. What door should I choose for my pole barn?

The door choice you make should reflect the reason you decided to build the pole barn in the first place. The three most common door choices from least to most expensive are sliding doors, overhead doors, and hydraulic doors. Many pole barn owners will choose sliding doors for their project because it's the least expensive. They may not have considered the struggle of manually opening and closing the door when they frequently move equipment in and out. Consider how these choices will impact the functionality of your pole barn years down the line!

#### 4. What are some extra features can I add to my pole barn?

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