

PRE-CONSTRUCTION REVIEW LIST

SITE PREPERATION - Prior to building, please provide a well compacted build site. If your build site is not prepared, Bower and Sons LLC and any subsidiary builders we work with shall not be held liable for shifting, settling, or lifting of the building that may occur. Customers are also responsible for additional ground work needed to prepare for concrete. **If concrete pad is desired**, the stone pad for your Pole Barn should be between 6 to 8 inches. We will not be held liable for any problems occurring from stone pads being thicker than 8 inches and additional labor costs could be added if stone work is incorrect.

SITE PREP UTILITIES Customers should have their build site inspected prior to digging. Indiana residents may call 811 or go online to 811now.org to get a free site inspection. Ohio residents may also call 811 or go online to www.oups.org/homeowners to learn more information.

ELECTRICAL SERVICE - Please make sure to supply electricity at your build site. (power outlet or generator is sufficient) If you plan to run electrical service to your new building, please contract with a local electrician unless doing the job yourself. Our Amish teams do not install or work with electrical lines, but will need supply for operating a few power tools.

MATERIAL INSURANCE - We recommend you add your new building on your insurance policy before construction begins. Once materials are delivered to build site, the customer agrees to be responsible for all materials and Bower and Sons and any subsidiary builders we work with shall not be held liable for theft or vandalism.

FEES, INSPECTIONS, PERMITS - Customer is responsible for any state or local fees associate with obtaining building permits, inspections, utility companies, or any other local municipalities. We highly encourage you to work through this process in advance. Call us for help or any documentation needed. Many projects get delayed from hang-ups with permitting. Plan ahead and ask us for help if needed.

SIMPLE PAYMENT SYSTEM - Once you give the "okay" and are ready to build, we will send you an invoice for the complete project. The full cost of your project is broken down into 3 payments: 20% Down (when received we will order your material and trusses) 50% at Material delivery (once all the trusses, lumber, and metal arrive) & 30% upon completion. We want, and expect, you to love your new barn and will collect the final payment after the job is completed.

REMAINING MATERIAL ON JOB SITE - Your contract is for your new building and you are only paying for the material used in completing the building. All remaining lumber or material will be sent back to the lumber yard. We send additional lumber to ensure our builders have adequate supply for extra bracing or if a problem arises. All material left over from a building project is property of Bower and Sons LLC and will be picked up by our delivery driver at the end of your project.

TAX - *We only collect sales tax on the materials used for your building.*

If your business or farm is tax-exempt, please request our tax-free form to complete. Or you can complete the form on the Indiana State website by clicking [here](#). Customer is responsible to complete tax-exempt form or all sales tax of .07% will need to be collected on materials. This applies to customers in Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan.

CULTURAL DIFFERENCES - If you have never worked with, or interacted with an Amish crew there are several differences. Firstly, most Amish work teams will leave a job around 2 or 3 PM. They don't work within 8 to 5 blocks like English people. They also do not like to be photographed. Please ask them, or have them move out of the way before taking any pictures of your work project. Also, Amish families celebrate weddings on Thursday and it is very common to have work teams absent from the job site on Thursdays due to the strong family connectivity within the community.