



TINY HOUSE TIP SHEET



What exactly is a tiny home?

Tiny homes are defined differently as you move around the globe, typically they are considered a living space that are less than 500 square feet in size.

What is all the hype about around tiny house living?

Tiny homes open a gateway to a less burdened life, free from unwanted possessions and even location permanence. Some tiny homes are on wheels and even if stationary - tiny homes are much easier to relocate.

Is tiny house living more expensive?

No!!! In fact, quite the opposite - living in a tiny home provides an opportunity to join the housing market which for some, may otherwise not be within reach.

What real benefits do tiny homes provide?

Lower costs for upkeep and much lower upfront costs to buy, a lighter footprint on mother earth, and spending less time cleaning are a few key benefits! Tiny homes also promote the sense of community, with less space, tiny homeowners tend to share more resources creating a collaborative network.



What types of tiny homes exist?

Tiny homes can either be stationary or mobile and in some jurisdictions, they are a blend - as mobile tiny homes are sometimes required to be secured down to a permanent base to comply with local by-laws and insurance requirements.

Some examples of stationary tiny homes include:

- Smaller scale foundation homes
- Granny pads / coach houses
- On or off grid cabins, shipping container homes or yurts
- Natural buildings such as hempcrete, strawbale or cob homes
- Homes built in nature such as in the side of a rock or earth mound

Some examples of mobile tiny homes include:

- Prefabricated tiny homes on wheels
- DIY tiny house on wheels
- Bus or van conversions
- RVs
- Some stationary tiny homes can also be easily relocated!



What are the top ten tips for living tiny?

1. **Customize for you** - if you are making the shift to a smaller footprint, take the time to think about and plan a home that accomodates all your needs
2. **Pilot a stay** - consider booking a tiny home for a night or two or even perhaps a week-long stay to see how you and your love ones climatize
3. **Do your research** - spend time looking at the options in your area, buy as local as possible to further reduce the footprint of your new home
4. **Plan wisely** - look into local by-laws, water and energy needs and insurance considerations in advance to avoid any future delays
5. **Safety first** - when examining options for your tiny home build make sure to ask the potential builders to provide proof their homes are locally compliant, this will prevent delays and ensure your new home is safe
6. **Location** - feel out the local community to seek opportunities for a network of eco friendly dwellers that can share and learn from one another
7. **Climate friendly** - ensure you plan for a home that can sustain current and future climates in the region you plan to settle in
8. **Begin minimalization today** - to fit into your new smaller space you will likely need to downsize, gradual implementation will ease this transition
9. **Authentically green** - if you are moving to tiny home living to reduce your footprint, make sure you home is indeed "green"
10. **Be brave** - some may think you are "off your rocker" be a leader and show others how to live tiny!

