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1. Power, Hot Water, Gas, Electricity

Mains powered or off-grid? Can you get your new house wired for future solar panels with a battery set up? Is using gas (propane) an option?

2. Sustainability And Insulation

What is the climate and weather where you live? Do you need double glazed (insulated) windows, walls, floor and ceiling? What sort of insulation?

3. What Size Tiny House Do You Need?

Who is living in your tiny home? Is it just you or 2 or 3 other people? In that case you want to think about lofts, extra bedroom, etc.

4. What Does Your Purchase Actually Include

What is included in the contract? I.e: What sort of tap ware or bathroom fittings? Storage? Is the trailer registered with a VIN number? Does it come with appliances like a fridge or dishwasher? What sort of lights? Are there USB sockets?

5. How Long Does It Take To Build The Tiny Home?

Is your future tiny house pre-built? Do they need to build it? (If so, how long does that take?) Do they have tiny models available now?

6. Can I See The Plan? Can You Email It To Me?

Look carefully over the tiny home plan. Check heights, length, width, weight. How many axles and wheels? Is it a gable roof? What does the interior layout look like? Is it open plan or have a loft or built in furniture? A bathroom and a laundry? Is the bathroom near the bedroom or at the other end of the house?

7. What Customisations Options Are Available?

What customisations can you get? Maybe you want off-grid options or solar installed... Stairs or ladders to the loft? Keyless entry door lock, custom blinds or a skylight? Composting toilet? What about the water tank, deck and awning?

8. Finance Or Loan? How Does The Payment Work?

How does the actual payment work? Is it a deposit and then instalments?

9. How Long Have You Been Building Tiny Homes?

Ask your builder. Usually they'll have a website where you can see their history of manufacturing small homes, customer reviews and testimonials.

10. How Much Does My Tiny Home Cost To Deliver?

Can you get a tiny house built in your local area, or state?

11. How Does The Water System Work?

We need water to drink, and for all the other things we do. Do you need a small water pump built into your tiny home if you plan to use water from a rainwater tank? Also: how does your shower water heat up?

12. Loft Or Open Plan? Storage Space

It's really important to get the interior design sorted in the first place. Having a loft or extra bedroom can be really handy.

13. Local Laws And Zoning Rules

Who do you need to ask about whether tiny homes are legal in my area? Do you need a permit? How does it work?

14. How to Prepare The Tiny Home Site?

The wheels need to sit on something reasonably solid, and the stabilisers (and scissor jacks) at each end of the tiny house need solid foundations too.

Is crushed gravel enough? Which way should I face my home? How do I make sure it's level? Can you help me with the onsite set-up like site levelling (if needed), plumbing or electrical? How do I set up the decking or stairs?

15. Can I Get Solar And Batteries?

Keep in mind that a solar and battery setup could be an option. You can also get solar trailers. But how do these things plug in? Can you run your monitor, laptop and boil the kettle at the same time? Does the electric hotplate use much power?