

# ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUs) IN CINCYMLS



## What is an ADU?

An Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) is a secondary, self-contained living space located on the same lot as a single-family home. ADUs can be attached to the main residence or built as a separate structure. They include their own kitchen, bathroom, and living area, providing complete independent living quarters.

ADUs are often referred to as granny flats, in-law suites, carriage houses, or backyard cottages.

***Requirements and specifications are subject to local zoning, permitting, and building regulations.***

## Types of ADUs

ADUs come in many shapes and sizes:

- Basement apartments
- Converted garages
- Converted attics
- Converted carriage houses
- Freestanding structures, including converted sheds and storage areas



In May, 2025, CincyMLS introduced a new "ADU Yes/No" field, along with an additional field to indicate whether the ADU is attached or detached. These fields have been optional to give users time to become familiar with them, but **they will become required in early August.**

To help with this process, CincyMLS has also created an [ADU Worksheet](#) for agents to complete with their seller. While this form is not required, its use is strongly recommended and it can be uploaded to the listing.

