

How Are Modular Structures More Beneficial?

Modular construction techniques have been shown to be inherently advantageous in 7 major areas

- 1 Less Materials Waste** — Pre-fabrication makes it possible to optimize construction materials purchases and usage while minimizing on-site waste and offering a higher quality product to the buyer. Bulk materials are delivered to the manufacturing facility where they are stored in a protected environment, safe from theft and exposure to the environmental conditions of a job site.
- 2 Less Material Exposure to Inclement Weather** — Many of the indoor air quality issues identified in new construction result from high moisture levels on the framing materials. Because the modular structure is substantially completed in a factory-controlled setting using dry materials, the potential for high levels of moisture being trapped in the new construction is eliminated.
- 3 Less Site Disturbance** — The modular structure is constructed off-site simultaneously with foundation and other site work, thereby reducing the time and impact on the surrounding site environment, as well as reducing the number of vehicles and equipment needed at the site.
- 4 Safer Construction** — Modular construction is a safer alternative. Conventional construction workers regularly work in less-than-ideal conditions, dealing with temperature extremes, rain, wind or any combination of natural conditions. This by its very nature is a much more challenging environment for working safely. Additionally, the potential for injury—including falls, the most common work site risk—is much higher. In a factory-controlled setting, each worker is typically assigned to a work station supplied with all the appropriate equipment needed to provide the safest work environment possible. Off-site construction also eliminates the hazards associated with materials, equipment and incomplete construction processes typical of construction sites that can attract curious and unwelcome “visitors” (e.g. students on a school expansion project).
- 5 Flexibility** — When the needs change, modular buildings can be disassembled and the modules relocated or refurbished for their next use reducing the demand for raw materials and minimizing the amount of energy expended to create a building to meet the new need. In essence, the entire building can be recycled in some cases.
- 6 Adaptability** — Modular buildings are frequently designed to quickly add or remove one or more “modules”, thereby minimizing disruptions to adjacent buildings and surroundings.
- 7 Built to Code With Shorter Build Times** — The bottom line is that with modular construction you can get a facility built to the same local codes with construction quality as good as or better than a comparable site built building in much less time. Additionally, the abbreviated construction schedule allows you to get a return on your investment sooner while minimizing the exposure to the risks commonly associated with protracted construction schedules.