

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

URBANPODS LTD

DEFINITIONS

The “Company” is urbanpods Ltd.

The “Customer” is the person, firm or company who purchases the product or services from the Company.

1. APPLICATION OF THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1.1. It is considered that any customer entering into an agreement with urbanpods Ltd is in acceptance of these terms and conditions. The customer is responsible for obtaining a copy of these terms and conditions for their reference.
- 1.2. urbanpods Ltd reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions at any time.
- 1.3. No variations of these terms and conditions shall be of any effect unless agreed by the Company in writing.
- 1.4. If any part of this Agreement is declared unenforceable or invalid, the remainder will continue to be valid and enforceable.
- 1.5. The contract shall in all respects be construed and operated as a Scottish contract governed by Scottish law and any dispute arising out of, or in connection herewith, shall be referred to the Scottish courts.

2. OUR PRODUCTS

- 2.1 The company website, brochure and any elevation drawings serve as a guide only and do not form part of any contract.
- 2.2. The company make every effort to be as accurate as possible however precise measurements indicated on our website, in our brochures and on any order documentation are subject to reasonable levels of tolerance.
- 2.3. The company reserves the right to alter specifications without prior notice. Changes to product specification are rare and reasons for doing so may include, but are not limited to, improving general quality or efficiency of the product, because the material is no longer available to the company or for drastic changes in material costs. The company will always endeavour to inform the customer when any significant specifications are to be amended.

3. PRICING

- 3.1. All prices stated on the company’s website and literature exclude VAT at the current rate.
- 3.2. urbanpods Ltd adhere to a transparent pricing policy; no discounts other than those advertised on our website and/or in our Showroom at the time of order will be applied.

- 3.3. Once the customer places an order and the deposit is received, a sales confirmation will be issued and the price stated will remain fixed, unless the order is put on hold for longer than 90 days.

4. PAYMENTS

- 4.1. Payments are scheduled as follows:
- 30% is required to secure the installation date and enable us to manufacture the pod
 - Second instalment of 40% is required 4 weeks before delivery
 - 20% is required on the delivery day
 - The final 10% is payable when the pod is complete and we have talked you through your finished pod
- 4.2. Any outstanding balance may be paid by bank transfer (copy of transaction required) or by debit or credit card unless other arrangements are made.). All goods remain the property of the company until the final balance is paid for in full.

5. CANCELLATIONS

- 5.1. As all Products designed and manufactured by urban**pods** Ltd are made-to-order, to customer specifications, they are exempt from cancellation rights.
- 5.2. Order cancellations are on the following terms:
- If the pod order is cancelled at any point during the process the 30% deposit payment is not refundable.
 - The pod order can only be cancelled up until 5 working days prior to the second payment date specified on the sales confirmation (i.e. 5 weeks before installation). The 40 % second instalment and all other payments are required to be paid on this date in event that the order is cancelled
- 5.3. The company reserves the right to cancel an order at any time, for any reason. In the event of urban**pods** Ltd cancelling an order, a full refund will be given to the customer.

6. ORDERS ON HOLD

- 6.1. If a customer is not ready to proceed with an installation date they may place their order 'on hold' in which case the holding deposit will remain on account with urban**pods** Ltd. Prices will remain fixed for a period of 60 days from the date the order is put on hold, after which any recent price updates will be applied to the order.
- 6.2. Orders may remain on hold for a period of 12 months before they are automatically cancelled.

7. PLANNING PERMISSION

- 7.1. Planning consent is not normally required however, it is the customer's responsibility to ensure that planning consent is not required for the installation of the outbuilding. We recommend you seek clarification from your local planning authority. urbanpods Ltd will not be held liable for any breach of Permitted Development/Planning regulations applicable to your property.
- 7.2. If the site is in a Conservation Area we recommend that the customer contacts their local authority to confirm whether or not any Article 4 Directions (restrictions on your Permitted Development rights) have been applied to the property.
- 7.3. No deposit will be taken by urbanpods Ltd until after consent has been granted.
- 7.4. The customer is responsible for ensuring that their building and its location complies with their Planning Approval conditions. urbanpods Ltd will not be liable for any changes a customer may make to the design, specification or location of a building once a Planning Application has been submitted or approved.

8. SCHEDULED DATES

- 8.1. The company will always try to honour the estimated delivery/installation date, 98% of our buildings are delivered and installed within the estimated time. However, we cannot guarantee the installation date and cannot be held responsible for postponement or delay outside of our control, this may include but is not limited to extreme weather conditions, access difficulties, parking, traffic, covid or Brexit.
- 8.2. The company cannot be held liable for any loss, damages, charges or expenses incurred by the customer as the direct or indirect result of any delay in the delivery, installation or completion of an order. The company will not be held financially liable for return visits that may be required for any rectification works to the building.
- 8.3. Any time frames given to the customer to suggest the duration of an installation are an estimate only and do not form part of any contract. The company will not guarantee to complete the installation of a building by any specified date or time.
- 8.4. For any works booked in for optional upgrades, including but not limited to electrical connections, air conditioning installations, blind installations, plastering, painting, the full charges will still apply if the customer cancels such work any time after the date(s) have been confirmed with the customer.

9. WORK ON SITE

- 9.1. The customer is responsible for preparing the site as per the written notes on their Sales Order and any discussion that takes place with the Site Surveyor at the time of sale.
- 9.2. The customer is responsible for providing all necessary parking permits, access and permissions in advance of the base and building installation dates. Access to electricity and water is required on site.

- 9.3. A clearance of no less than 400mm is required in addition to the external dimensions of the building to allow construction.
- 9.4. Failure to complete the necessary preparations may result in a delay or, in certain circumstances, cancellation of the installation schedule.
- 9.5. The company will not deliver or install products through domestic buildings, over fences or other obstacles without prior consultation and agreement.
- 9.6. Whilst every care is taken to avoid any damage to the Customer's property, urbanpods Ltd cannot be held liable for unavoidable damage caused by the installation teams. The Customer accepts that some damage may be unavoidable, especially to access routes and the surrounding working areas.
- 9.7. We strongly recommend that garden landscaping is completed after the building has been installed to avoid any incidental damage.
- 9.8. The company will install materials, fittings or appliances supplied by the customer on a good will basis only. The company will not be held liable for any damage to such items. No additional items will be fitted/installed unless agreed in writing on the Sales Order prior to the team visiting site.
- 9.9. The company will when requested use painted provided by the customer however will not guarantee the quality of the paint. Any paint provided by the customer must be new and in an unopened tin.
- 9.10. The company reserves the right to withdraw its employees or designated contractors from site where they deem the working conditions to be unsafe in accordance with current Health and Safety Regulations. In such cases the company will discuss any necessary changes to the working environment/conditions with the customer which must be carried out before works can continue.
- 9.11. All installation personnel have been trained and briefed on safe working practices including use of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) in accordance with current Health and Safety regulations. If a full Risk Assessment and/or Method Statement are required by a customer 6 weeks' notice must be given and charges may apply based on the level of compliance required.
- 9.12. urbanpods Ltd are covered by liability insurance up. Full details are available on request.
- 9.13. The design consultation completed at the time of sale is a visual inspection only and the company cannot be held liable should any underground obstruction be discovered on commencement of works.
- 9.14. The company reserves the right to cancel or postpone any works should unforeseen circumstances arise that affect the company's ability to fulfil an order. In the event that the company cancel the total installation of an order a full refund will be given to the customer, unless it is found that such unforeseen circumstances have been directly caused by the customer.

10. BASES

- 10.1. The customer must be present on the base date and is responsible for confirming the location of the base prior to construction. Once this position has been confirmed and base constructed the position cannot be changed. The customer should consider any areas surrounding the building that may be obstructed or restrict access to openings on or around the garden room.
- 10.2. No apertures or fittings for services not supplied by urbanpods Ltd will be made unless agreed and confirmed in writing on your Sales Order.
- 10.3. If an existing base has been used e.g. concrete slab, urbanpods Ltd cannot be held liable for subsidence or settlement issues.

11. ELECTRICAL WORKS

- 11.1. A Part P certificate will only be supplied where urbanpods Ltd completes a full external connection of power and will only be supplied to the customer once the final balance has been paid in full. The certificate can take up to 21 days to process. Where a full connection has not been made, readings are available on request. It is the responsibility of the certified electrician completing the full connection to certify the electrical works.
- 11.2. Every effort is made to provide an accurate quotation for electrical works, however, the inspection of the customer's own armored cable and consumer unit is only visual and is based on the assumption that the customer's electrics comply with current building regulations. It is the customer's responsibility to ensure that the cable is fit for purpose. Quotes given at the point of sale are estimates only and do not act as confirmation of the cable being suitable. urbanpods Ltd cannot be held liable should the cable prove to be unsuitable or inadequate.
- 11.3. urbanpods Ltd reserves the right to refuse to complete electrical work or to apply additional charges where a connection is not possible with the current power source/consumer unit. The customer will be informed and quoted prior to any necessary additional works being carried out.
- 11.4. Where urbanpods Ltd are to complete a connection of an existing cable or of a cable to be supplied by the customer, it is the customer's responsibility to run the cable from the main fuse board in the house to the garden room site. The customer must ensure that there is an excess of at least 10 metres of cable reaching the site. Unless otherwise stated on the customer's Sales Order, urbanpods Ltd will not complete any of the works to run the cable, this includes clipping the cable to any boundary/wall/fence. Should the customer request that such work is completed additional charges will apply.
- 11.5. The company reserves the right to make any changes to electrical product specification or services they deem necessary to ensure safety compliance. The customer will be made aware of any such requirements and cost implications before the relevant works are carried out.
- 11.6. Armored electrical and Ethernet cables are always run on the outside of the garden building, no armored cable will be run in the wall cavity.

- 11.7. No additional electrical work will be carried out by the company or designated sub-contractors unless agreed in writing on the Sales Order prior to the team visiting site.
- 11.8. urbanpods makes no guarantee as to the suitability of any WiFi powerline adapter, such as the TP HomePlug Solution. The liability of the Company for any Internet or Communications device or service will be limited to the value of that specific item only, as outlined on the Customer's Invoice.

12. YOUR GUARANTEE

12.1. urbanpods Ltd's buildings are covered by a comprehensive transferable guarantee, which is activated once the final balance is paid in full. The terms of your guarantee are as follows:

12.2. STRUCTURE:

The main structural components of your urbanpod (floor, walls and roof) are guaranteed from structural defects, workmanship and components defects for 5 years. Natural drying out and hairline shrinkage cracks are normal within any building during the drying out process. Any crack or split over 2mm wide will be rectified by urbanpods.

12.3. WINDOWS AND DOORS:

All upvc window and door components and glazing are guaranteed for 5 years.

12.4 ROOF MATERIALS:

All single ply rubberised roof membranes are covered for 20 years (manufacturer). Yearly periodic checks should be carried out by the homeowner and documented with photographs on a yearly basis.

12.5. TIMBER CLADDING FABRIC:

All cedar and larch timber is covered for 20 years from rot. This guarantee does not cover fade or de-colourisation of timber cladding, as timber is a natural product and will lose colour over its lifetime. If UV coating has been applied by urbanpods, the upkeep and re-coating of the timber should be carried out **every six months** to maintain the appearance and natural colour. **Lack of attention to this will result in the wood graying.** Fade is a natural occurrence of timber, even with a UV coating applied, depending on what elevations are more exposed than others to the sun, certain elevations may require more coating than others during its lifetime.

12.6. FLOOR COVERINGS:

All Karndean floor coverings are covered for 12 months from defects, delamination and gaps appearing between board joints

12.7. WATER & SERVICES:

During the winter period or when the temperature externally drops below freezing, we advise all clients to isolate the water supply to the pod. The shut off valve should be turned to the off position and the tap opened at the pod to allow all of the excess water to drain out.

12.8. **ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS:**

All electrical switches, sockets and light fittings are covered for 12 months, this guarantee does not however cover light bulbs, however, an LED light bulb would have a life expectancy of 5 years.

12.9. **MAINTENANCE:**

Generally, your urbanpod should be almost maintenance free, however, like anything, there will always be a requirement to maintain any product and a homeowner should take necessary steps over the lifetime of the product to carry out their own maintenance and checks.

As described in the terms, the roof should be periodically checked every year, particularly after a long prolonged cold period.

The timber cladding should be visually inspected for signs of rot and decay, however de-colourisation is perfectly normal over a natural timber product.

Rain water goods and guttering joins should be checked for drips and leaks and attended too to prevent water from splashing against the timber cladding fabric

The doors and windows may require some oil or lubrication on the moving parts, for example the handles, hinges and locks over time.

During the winter or prolonged cold spells, the heating within the pod must be switched on for a minimum of 1 hour each day on full heat with the windows and doors closed. This is to maintain a healthy and dry building fabric, failure to do this can result in moisture build up within the pod and can result in issues like mould or rot and decay.

12.10. **CLEANING:**

Do not use bleach or solvent based products on the window and door frames, this will result in stripping the colour from the frame. Wash with warm soapy water

Do not use solvent based products to clean the floor covering. Wash with warm soapy water and dry off

Do not use a pressure washer to clean the timber cladding, this can result in forced water penetrating behind the timber cladding and removing the uv coating that is applied. Brush and sponge down with warm soapy water, or if necessary, spray from a distance.

12.11. **SNAGGING**

urbanpods will visit your pod for a 6 month check after installation. This is to carry out minor rectification works such as shrinkage cracks in the plaster that will naturally occur as the pod is heated. This will be carried out on one of these allocated weeks:

W/C 30 May 2022

W/C 18 November 2022

urbanpods will however come out prior to these dates if, your doors require adjusting or if a major issue occurs that renders the pod unusable, such as a roof leak.

12.12. **POD HEALTH CHECK SERVICE:**

urbanpods offers a pod health check on an annual basis, where we would re-oil the exterior check all components, coverings, timber materials and structural components, this would be documented and provided to the homeowner. A health check survey is £350, excluding materials, parts and labour.

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