

Sea Containers

Temporary Sea Containers

Sea containers are considered temporary when they are placed on a property, within the boundaries, for no longer than one month.

Temporary sea containers do not require a Building Permit. However, Development (Planning) Approval may be required.

Other temporary uses include:

- If they are in connection with the construction, operation or maintenance of mining operations
- If they are in connection with exploration and exploitation of petroleum resources
- If they are in connection with an industrial processing plant
- If they are temporary office or shed associated with approved building work

Sea Containers for Residential Use

Sea containers which are to be used for residential purposes and are to be on the property for over a month require a Building Permit and may require Development (Planning) Approval.

Sea Containers for Commercial Use

Sea containers which are to be used for commercial purposes and are to be on the property for over a month require a Building Permit and may require Development (Planning) Approval.

Where Development (Planning) Approval is required, it is to be obtained prior to the issue of a Building Permit.

Building Permit Application

The following documentation is required to obtain a Building Permit for a sea container:

- Complete application form
 - [Building Approval Forms](#)
- Site plan including the following:
 - Dimensions of the sea container
 - Distances to all property boundaries
 - Distances to adjacent buildings
 - North arrow
 - Positions of septic tanks and leach drains
- Engineering details signed by a structural engineer showing:
 - Footing details
 - How the container is to be anchored down

Note: Sea containers for commercial use will require additional details.

Development (Planning) Approval Application

To determine whether Development (Planning) Approval is required, contact Planning Services. Include the property address, container size and proposed use.

To support your enquiry, please submit a site plan which includes the following:

- Dimensions of the sea container
- Distances to all property boundaries
- Distances to adjacent buildings
- North arrow
- Positions of septic tanks and leach drains

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