



Temporary Shipping Container Permits Information and Requirements

A Local Law permit is required to temporarily place a shipping container on private land in Murrindindi Shire. If it is intended for the shipping container to be a permanent structure, applicants must apply for a planning and/or building permit depending on planning and building requirements relating to the specific site and use.

Temporary shipping container permits are available for a maximum of 18 months for use as temporary storage on private property. Extension to permits may be granted but these will be assessed on their merits at the time of application. Extension of permits is not guaranteed.

Placement of container on private land

The temporary shipping container must be entirely located on a private property. Permits for containers on nature strips may be issued under special circumstances.

The following applies to temporary shipping container site locations and placement.

Containers:

- Must be placed at least 5 metres from the property boundary
- Cannot be located over effluent treatment disposal areas/systems
- Cannot be located over underground power lines
- Cannot be located over water, wastewater/stormwater mains or dedicated drainage easements
- Are not be permitted in flood prone areas
- Must be painted a neutral colour to blend with the surrounding natural environment and built structures, with the proposed colour to be approved by Council
- Must not be stacked
- Must be placed on flat, solid ground. Any associated earthworks (cut & fill) must be in accordance with Council requirements

Must be located within any building envelope associated with the lot

Near overhead power lines must comply with the setback requirements of the relevant electricity authority

Use restrictions

The following conditions apply for temporary shipping container use:

- Containers must not be used to store contaminated or hazardous materials



- Containers can be used for domestic storage purposes only

Required documents

The following documents are required for a temporary shipping container application:

- Site plan (including photo) of proposed container
- Completed application including description of the intended use of the shipping container

On receipt of all documentation, the application will be assessed on its merits.

What else is required?

- Written comment from adjoining neighbours will be sought by Council.

Fees

- The fee for a temporary shipping container permit application is \$100.00 (GST free).
- The application fee is payable whether the application is successful or not.

Permit expiry

Permit expiry dates are stated on temporary shipping container permits. Application for extension to a shipping container permit is required at least 14 days prior to permit expiry.

Containers must be removed within 14 days of the expiration of the permit. Any landholders with containers remaining after this time will receive a notice of removal. Failure to comply with a notice may result in enforcement being taken.

Council Decision

In deciding to grant a temporary shipping container permit, Council will also consider the following:

- the location of the land;
- the land use of the applicant's land and that of adjoining allotments;
- the suitability of the land for a shipping container including general amenity;
- submissions made by neighbours to Council regarding the permit application;
- any physical constraints/considerations on the site.

Council will make a determination on whether to issue a temporary shipping container permit within 21 days of receipt of application.

If you have any questions about this process, please speak to Council's Community Safety team by calling 5772 0333.

