



### Can I have a sea container on my property?

Development Approval from the Shire of Northam is required prior to the placement of a sea container or similar storage container on any lot within the Shire for more than 7 days. A permanent sea container or similar storage container is not permitted in the 'Residential' zone. There is a general presumption against the placement of sea containers or similar storage containers on 'Commercial', 'Mixed Use' and 'Tourism' zones.

### Can I have a sea container on my property while I am moving house or delivering goods?

Yes, a sea container may be placed on any property regardless of the zoning for a maximum of 7 days without the need to obtain Development Approval from the Shire. Note that if it is determined that the sea container has been placed in an unsafe location, becomes unsightly or complaints are received about the sea container, the Shire may require the sea container to be immediately removed.

### Can I have a sea container on my property while I am building or undertaking subdivisional works?

Yes, a sea container may be placed on any property where construction work has been approved in the form of a valid Building Permit from the Shire of Northam without the need to obtain Development Approval for the sea container. Note that if it is determined that the sea container has been placed in an unsafe location, becomes unsightly or complaints are received about the sea container, the Shire may require the sea container to be immediately removed.

### Can I place a sea container temporarily on the road verge in front of my property?

If you wish to temporarily place a sea container on a Shire verge, you will need to obtain a Verge Permit from the Shire prior to placing the sea container.

### How many and what size sea container or similar storage container can I have?

The maximum number and size of sea containers and similar storage containers are outlined below.

Zone	Max Number	Max Length	Maximum Term of Approval
Residential	Nil	N/A	N/A
Rural Residential & Rural Smallholding	1	6m	Temporary or Permanent
Rural, General Industry, Light and Service Industry	1	12m	Temporary or Permanent
Commercial, Mixed Use and Tourism	1	12m	Temporary for 12 Months Only

### What are the key considerations that need to be met in order to comply?

In considering an application for a sea container the Shire of Northam will assess the proposed location and condition of the sea container or similar storage container for compliance with Local Planning Policy 5 - Use & Control of Sea Containers and Similar Storage Structures which can be viewed on the Shire's website. Key considerations that will be taken into account for a proposed sea container include the following:

- Size of the sea container;
- Physical condition of the sea container;
- Colour of the sea container;
- Location & siting of the sea container on the lot;
- Method of screening the sea container from public view; and
- The proposed use of the sea container.

## What information do I need to submit with my Development Application?

When submitting a Development Application with the Shire, the following is to be provided:

- A completed Development Application Form.
- The prerequisite planning fee.
- A picture of the proposed sea container or similar storage container.
- A site plan drawn to scale showing:
  - a. The proposed location of the sea container and the setback distance from the nearest property boundaries;
  - b. The dimensions of the sea container;
  - c. All existing and proposed structures (and their purpose labelled);
  - d. All existing (to be retained and removed) and proposed landscaping or other screening devices;
  - e. The north point and road names; and
  - f. Details of the screening measures proposed to satisfy the visual privacy requirements of Local Planning Policy 5.

## Do I need a Building Permit as well as Development Approval?

Yes, you will also need to obtain a Building Permit from the Shire of Northam prior to placing the sea container.



## Where do I find more information?

Further information can be obtained from the Shire of Northam's Planning Services Department on 9622 6133 or 9622 6143 or via email at [records@northam.wa.gov.au](mailto:records@northam.wa.gov.au)

The information contained in this brochure is intended as a guide only. It is recommended that the advice and assistance of the Shire's Planning Services Department be sought prior to lodgement of a Development Application. The Shire of Northam disclaims any liability for any damages sustained by a person acting on the basis of this information.

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