

Fact Sheet

Shipping containers in Logan

Do I need approval to place a shipping container on my property?



A shipping container is designed to be used to pack and transport goods by truck, rail, or boat to destinations all over the world.

Due to the availability of shipping containers, they are now getting used for other applications such as storage sheds, modular homes, or even swimming pools.

Before changing the use of the container, you need to get permission. The type of permission will depend on what the container will be used for.

For example, an approval is required for use as:

- a storage shed/garage
- a swimming pool
- a structure to live in or inhabit.



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Approvals are required for use of containers as above

Building approvals

If you need to get a Building Approval, you must contact a Private Building Certifier. They will discuss all the requirements and rules you will need to know for your project. They can also tell if you need Council permission as well.

For most projects, the Private Building Certifier will need to see plans of your property showing where you intend to put the container, and the engineering information about the container you purchased.

You can find a Private Building Certifier using the link below or contact the Queensland Building Construction Commission (QBCC) on 13 93 33.

[Find a Private Building Certifier](#)



Moving house?

Need to use a shipping container to pack your household goods into for storage or transport? If you can place the container inside your property, then you have up to a maximum of 30 days with no permit required.

If you need to place it on the footpath you will need to get a temporary permit under Council's Local Law. Containers are generally only permitted on the footpath for up to 14 days.

Refer to Council's [Application Form](#) to store shipping containers or skip bins on the footpath



Legislation

If you would like to check out the rules for yourself, you can go to the State Government website:

<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/browse/inforce>

Then search for;

- Building Act 1975
- Building Regulation 2006
- Planning Act 2016.

Please ensure you get all the information before you start your project.

Moving a container onto your site without the correct approvals may result in enforcement action or fines being issued by Council.

More Information

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