



SHIPPING CONTAINERS

What Are Shipping Containers?

A shipping container is a metal structure used for the purpose of storing materials. These are often referred to as sea cans.



Where Can Shipping Containers Be Placed?

Shipping containers are allowed within the following districts:

- Highway Commercial District(C2)
- Light Industrial District(M1)
- Heavy Industrial District(M2)
- Institutional and Public Uses District(IPU)

Temporary Use of Shipping Containers

Shipping containers may be temporarily placed on a site in any district:

- During Construction on a site when the shipping container is used for the storage of supplies and equipment.
- For the purposes of loading and unloading of items for no more than 10 days every 6 months.

Shipping Container Requirements

The following requirements shall apply to all shipping containers in addition to the district requirements:

- Shipping containers shall not be used for the storage of dangerous goods.
- Shipping containers shall only be used for storage and shall comply with the requirements for accessory buildings within their district.
- Shipping containers located within a commercial district shall:
 - Be located so as to not create a safety hazard
 - Be setback at least 1.2m (4 ft.) from a property boundary
 - Be located in the rear yard where possible
 - Not be visible from a highway or road



Do Shipping Containers Require Development Permits?

A shipping container within an industrial district that meets the requirements of the Land Use Bylaw does not require a development permit. The temporary use of a shipping container does not require a development permit provided they are being used for storage during the construction of development that has an approved development permit. All other shipping containers shall require a development permit.

Do I Need Any Other Permits?

Additional safety code permits will be required for the permanent placement of a shipping container.

More Questions?

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Development Services Department through the contact information below. For all requirements, restrictions and exemptions, please consult the Land Use Bylaw which may be downloaded from the Town of Ponoka website: <https://www.ponoka.ca>

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