



WHAT ARE THE TOWN'S REGULATIONS REGARDING SHIPPING CONTAINERS

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SHIPPING CONTAINERS

Shipping Container means a standard metal ISO (International Organization for Standardization) container that can be loaded on container ships, railroad cars, and trucks and may only be used for storage of goods and materials accessory to the principal use of a site.

A Building Permit is required for the placement of any shipping container over 10m² (107.6ft²). A Development Permit is required except when the shipping container is used during construction of a development for which a development permit has already been issued, provided the placement is satisfactory to the Town and the shipping container is removed from the site prior to occupancy of the development.

Shipping containers are permitted subject to approval in most commercial districts, and all industrial districts. They are not allowed in any residential districts.

Shipping containers may not be stacked.

A shipping container may be located in the rear or side yard of a site only. They shall not be placed in a front yard or in the side yard of a corner site flanking a roadway, nor on sites backing or adjacent to the Sheep River. A shipping container may be located within a required side or rear yard setback but no part shall project over a property line. Shipping containers may not be placed over a utility right-of-way or easement, nor shall they occupy the minimum required parking spaces, loading spaces, or landscaped areas on a site.

The finish of all shipping containers must be compatible with other buildings in the vicinity and shall as a minimum requirement be painted to match the principal building. They must be maintained in a clean, painted, rust-free condition for the life of the development. Shipping containers must be screened or finished to the satisfaction of the Town if visible from roads, residential properties, parks, pathways, or the river valley.

A shipping container may not be used as a sign, and no signage shall be installed upon it or on top of it.

Shipping containers must be kept locked at all times to prevent trespass.

A Real Property Report will show the location of property lines and all utility rights-of-way. The Town of Okotoks does not come out and mark your property lines. You must hire an Alberta Land Surveyor to perform this service.

Always remember to call Alberta One Call at 1.800.242.3447 **before** you dig.

For additional information, please contact Planning Services at 403.995.2760.

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