

Sea Containers

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Introduction

Sea containers are redundant steel shipping containers which have and can be used as storage buildings on residential and commercial / industrial properties. This information sheet explains the requirements for the approval and general requirements relating to sea containers.

Definitions

A **sea container** is a redundant shipping container.

Information and Advice

The Building Act 2011 and the Building Regulations 2012 require that a Building Permit be taken out for a building or structure, prior to commencing any work on site. The National Construction Code (NCC), the Residential Design Codes and the Town Planning Scheme set out the minimum requirements applicable to the location and tie down of sea-containers.

Is a Building Permit required for a sea container?

Yes. A Building Permit approval is required for all sea containers.

Is a Town Planning Approval required for a sea container?

Yes. Town Planning approval is required for all sea containers. Contact the City of Karratha Planning Services Department for further information on (08) 9186 8569.

Who submits the application?

Either the property owner or the party contracted to install the sea container must submit the applications.

What plans and specifications do I need to submit with my application for a Building Permit?

Two copies of the following plans and details are required:

- A full site plan is to be submitted, showing the size and location of the sea container, in relation to the property boundaries and existing buildings on the property. This plan is to be drawn to a minimum scale of 1:200;
- Details of the method of tie down are to be submitted.

Do I need a Structural Engineer's design for the sea container?

No. The design of sea containers are sufficient structurally, subject to them being adequately tied down.

Do I need a Structural Engineer's design for the tie down of the sea container?

Yes. Details of the tie downs, as certified by a Structural Engineer are to be submitted with application for Building Permit.

Can I place a sea container on a vacant property?

No. A sea container will not be approved on vacant land, unless it is approved as part of the dwelling approval.

Fees

Refer to the Development & Regulatory Services Fees and Charges Information Sheet for further information.

Additional Information

For detailed advice about sea containers, please call the City of Karratha Building Services or Planning Services teams on 9186 8555.

Forms / Links

Building Permit Application Form – BA1 (Certified) or BA2 (Uncertified) – Available here –

[Application Forms](#)

Requirement Checklist

Notes

- ❑ A Building Permit is required for all sea containers;
- ❑ A Practising Structural Engineer's certified detail is required for the tie down of the sea container;
- ❑ A full site plan, drawn to a scale of 1:200 minimum, is to be submitted with the Building Permit Application, showing heights and setbacks of the proposed sea container.

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