



# STORAGE STRUCTURE INFORMATION

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*The following are some of the most frequently asked questions by homeowners regarding storage structures. We hope this answers most of your questions. Should you need additional information, please feel free to talk to our staff at the Building & Safety Services and Planning counters, or phone us at the number listed above.*

## What is a storage structure?

Storage structures are used to store a wide variety of items, including, but not limited to, tools, gardening supplies, arts and crafts, seasonal clothes, mementos, etc. Storage structures can be attached to or detached from the main residence. The most common type of storage structure is a garage, which is primarily for the purpose of storing automobiles. Other examples of permanent storage structures include barns and detached garages/workshops. Another common type of storage structure is a portable shed.

## Are storage containers allowed?

**No.** Storage containers, also known as "sea cargo containers" or simply "cargo containers," do not conform to the City's design standards.

## Do I need a building permit?

Up to 120 square feet floor area and under 6 feet high: **No** permit required.

Over 120 square feet floor area and/ or over 6 feet high: **Yes**, permit required. Contact the Building & Safety Services Department regarding plan check submittal requirements and code requirements.

Setback: Storage structures up to 120 square feet, and less than six feet in height, may be located within the interior side and rear yard setbacks, but not within any front or corner side yard setback area, except when screened from public view. All storage structures over 6 feet in height or 120 square feet must meet the setback requirements outlined in the Development Code for Accessory Structures.

## What about inspections?

Inspections are required when a Building Permit is required. For inspection purposes, the approved plans, permit, and inspection card must be present at the time of the inspection. Call the Building & Safety Services Department at least 2 working days in advance to request an inspection. If you need any additional information please call (909) 477-2710.

## What design standards apply?

All storage structures are subject to the setback and design requirements of the City's Development Code. All storage structures must be architecturally compatible with residence or primary structure, including form, materials and architectural style. Storage Structures are not allowed on the Front Yard Setbacks. For setback information on your lot, please contact the Planning Department, (909) 477-2750.