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TEMPORARY STORAGE CONTAINERS

WHAT ARE CONSIDERED STORAGE CONTAINERS?

The term storage container refers to any standardized reusable vessel that was originally designed for packing and shipping of goods and commodities; see BMC 17.142.548.

Dumpsters are not considered storage containers.

HOW CAN THEY BE USED?

1. Temporary use in association with a single-family residence.
2. Temporary use on construction sites.
3. As an accessory structure in non-residential zoning districts.
4. Emergency use city wide.

WHAT ARE THE RULES FOR USING THEM AT MY HOME?

1. Temporary use in association with a single-family residence is only allowed on properties within the following zoning districts:
 - Single-Family 1 (SF-1)
 - Single-Family 2(SF-2)
 - Residential Low Density (RL)
 - Residential Planned Recreation (RPR)
 - Planned Residential (PR)
 - Residential Multi-Family (RM)
 - Residential High Density (RH)
 - Residential Office (R/O)
2. Must apply for and obtain Temporary Storage Container Permit prior to placement on property.

3. Allowed on the property for a maximum of 6 months within consecutive 12 month period.
4. Must be placed on the driveway of single-family residence.

WHAT ARE RULES FOR USE ON CONSTRUCTION SITES?

1. Allowed on construction sites with an active building permit anywhere within the city.
2. Containers cannot be stacked.
3. Must be kept in good condition and secured at night.
4. Required to be removed prior to expiration or final of building permit.

WHAT ARE THE RULES FOR USE ON NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES?

Allowed, provided the container complies with the rules associated with an “accessory structures” within applicable zoning district.

WHAT PERMITS ARE REQUIRED?

A Temporary Storage Container Permit is required for use on residential properties and for emergency use.

Placement within the public right-of-way requires a Right-of-Way Obstruction Permit.

MORE QUESTIONS?

For further information, please call the Community Development Services Department at the City of Blaine (360) 332-8311.