

## Sea Containers

Sea containers are redundant and or new steel shipping containers which have and can be used as storage buildings on residential and commercial / industrial properties.

### 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?

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 – Refer to attached example
- Engineering details of the method of tie down

### How far from the boundary of a property can I install a sea container?

As a minimum under the National Construction Code an outbuilding is required to achieve a minimum 900mm setback between the container and the boundary or between the dwelling eave and the proposed container. Alternately a fire wall may be required.

### Additional Information

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

### Disclaimer

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## Site Plan – Example

Your site plan should clearly indicate the location of the proposed sea container, the proposed setbacks to the boundaries, the setback to the eave or wall of the existing dwelling and the dimensions of the container.

