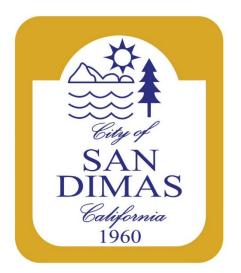
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# Storage Structures in Residential Zones



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#### STORAGE STRUCTURES

he 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 and Planning counters, or phone us at the numbers listed.

# 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. A common type of storage structure is a portable shed. Examples of permanent storage structure is a barn.

#### 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. Cargo containers are only allowed on construction sites with an active building permit.



#### Do I need a building permit?

No permit is required for a shed that complies with <u>all</u> of the following:

- Has no more than 120 sf of floor area
- Is detached from the house/garage
- Is no more than 12 feet high
- Does not have any utilities (electrical, mechanical or plumbing)

Contact the Building Division for any questions regarding how to process non-exempt accessory structures (plan check and permit requirements)

## 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 Division at least 24 hours in advance to request an inspection.

# What setbacks apply?

All storage structures must be located behind the main building line of the house and be a minimum of two (2)-foot away from the side and rear property lines; edge of roof must be a minimum of six (6) inches away from property line to allow for onsite drainage. The storage structure shall be setback three (3) feet away from any other structure. Sheds may encroach into the required 12-foot side yard setback, however they shall be relocated if additional parking is required onsite. For

additional setback information on your lot, please contact the Planning Division.

# How many storage structures can I have?

You can have two (2) storage structures. Additional storage structures may be approved by the Director of Community Development for lots over 10,000 square feet in size.

#### What about lot coverage?

The first two (2) storage structures will not be counted towards your allowable lot coverage. Three (3) or more storage structures will be counted towards the maximum lot coverage in your zone/specific plan.

#### What design standards apply?

All storage structures are subject to the design requirements of the City's Zoning Code, regardless of size or whether a building permit is required. The structure should be architecturally compatible with residence or primary structure, including form, and architectural style. Additional design standards apply in the Town Core area. For more information, please contact the Planning Division.

