

## Other Information

### Building Act Requirements

Containers that are not considered temporary require a building consent for the foundation and will need to comply with the Building Act with respect to the intended use of the building.

To discuss any Building Act requirements, please contact the Building department at the Council.



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## CONTAINERS within the Hurunui District



## What are the regulations for Containers?

The Hurunui District Plan has specific rules relating to the placement of containers within the Hurunui District.

These rules are located within Section A1.3(d) of the Hurunui District Plan and regulate where containers can be sited without the need for obtaining resource consent.

Containers can have a very practical use for a number of different reasons, for example storage. The placement of containers in prominent locations can have a negative effect on the visual amenity of an area. It is important that any adverse visual effects are avoided in the first instance.



**An adverse effect on visual amenity**

## Where are containers permitted?

Any container outside of an urban area and over 500 metres from a Strategic or District Arterial road is a permitted activity in the Hurunui District Plan.

In addition, any container located within 500 metres of a Strategic or District Arterial road is permitted as long as it is not visible from that road.

Within an urban area, excluding the industrial zone, any container that is not visible from an adjoining property, or any road providing access to the property, is permitted in the Hurunui District Plan.

Temporary buildings, ancillary or incidental to building and construction work, are permitted for either the duration of the project or for a period not exceeding 12 months and do not require consent. If the container is to be used for the temporary storage of building material it shall be limited to 6 months.

Any placement of a container that does not comply with any one of these rules means you need to apply for resource consent.

## How do I apply for Resource Consent?

In order to obtain resource consent you will need to apply by filling out the necessary consent forms and making an assessment of any environmental effects. To apply for consent please contact the planning department at the Council.

The activity is a restricted discretionary activity in the Hurunui District Plan. This means that the Council's discretion is restricted to certain matters when considering this type of application.

These matters are:

- Siting
- Landscape and screening
- Bulk
- Colour design and appearance
- Location with respect to visual character and amenity of the area into which the container is to be located



**Containers in an urban environment**