



PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS

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REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

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A portable storage container is defined as a transportable storage container that is designed and used primarily for the storage of household goods, personal items, and other materials for use on a limited basis.



REGULATIONS WITHOUT AN ACTIVE BUILDING PERMIT

One portable storage container may be placed on a parcel without an active building permit subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- ◆ The portable storage container shall not exceed one hundred and sixty (160) square feet in area and ten (10') feet in height.
- ◆ All portable storage containers must maintain setbacks as listed in Section 3.5 a-Accessory Buildings.
- ◆ The use of a portable storage container is permitted for a period of not more than thirty (30) days for all properties without an active building permit.
- ◆ Signage on portable storage containers shall be limited to the name and address of the storage rental company.



REGULATIONS WITH AN ACTIVE BUILDING PERMIT

One portable storage container may be placed on a parcel with an active building permit subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- ◆ When a building permit has been issued for work on the parcel, portable storage containers may be placed in the yard area meeting the setback requirements for accessory buildings. Portable storage containers must be removed if any occupancy permit is issued.
- ◆ The Building Inspector may authorize additional time to utilize portable storage containers based upon reasonable storage needs and construction progress, but in no case shall the Building Inspector allow such storage containers for more than an additional four (4) months in residential, agricultural, or environmental zoning districts. In all other zoning districts, the Building Inspector may authorize the use of such storage containers for the life of a building permit as long as progress is being documented and a valid building permit is secured. In no case shall storage containers be allowed in any zoning district for longer than two (2) years with an active building permit.

QUESTIONS?:

For additional information or questions, please contact the Thomas Township Offices at (989) 781-0150 or stop in at 249 N. Miller Road, Saginaw, MI 48609.