

**TOWN OF BLACKSBURG**  
**Portable Storage Container Permit Application**

[Please print clearly]  
Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Lot owner, mailing address, and telephone number (if different from applicant):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Street address where Container is to be located (also, provide name of apartment complex,  
or agricultural, office, commercial, or industrial property if other than residential dwelling):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Zoning District where Container is to be located: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Container is to be placed on lot: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Container is to be removed from lot: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions of Container: length = \_\_\_\_\_; width = \_\_\_\_\_; height = \_\_\_\_\_.

**Attach a sketch** showing the proposed Container location. Note the distance to other structures  
and to the lot boundary lines.

**I have read and understand Article IV, Division 7, Section 4721 Portable Storage Containers (attached), and hereby agree to comply with all applicable portions of said Ordinance during the permit period.**

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Use Only -  
APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved permit must be posted on the Container, visible from the public right-of-way.**

**Sec. 4721. Portable storage containers.**

(a) General Standards for Portable Storage Containers ("containers")

- (1) The provisions of this section shall not apply to containers located on and necessary for an approved construction project.
- (2) The temporary placement of any container on any lot shall be permitted only upon issuance of a zoning permit, except for a container in an Industrial zoning district.
- (3) The zoning permit shall be displayed on the outside of the container.
- (4) Containers shall be permitted only for temporary storage for the lot on which the container is located.
- (5) Containers shall be permitted only upon the same lot as the principal structure it is accessory to. Containers are prohibited on any lot without a principal structure.
- (6) Containers shall comply with all district yard setbacks and are prohibited in buffer areas.
- (7) Containers shall not be connected to any utilities.
- (8) A container shall be located behind the front building line, only in an approved paved area, and shall not block vehicle entrances, visibility triangles, drive aisles, required parking, or fire lanes.
- (9) Vertical stacking of containers is prohibited.
- (10) Signs on containers shall be limited to no more than two sign areas having a maximum four square feet per sign. Such signs may only identify the container supplier and telephone number.

(b) Additional standards for portable storage containers accessory to agricultural, detached single family, attached single family, and two family dwelling uses:

- (1) A single container shall be permitted per lot for a maximum 14-day period, and for no more than two times per year.
- (2) A container may not exceed 16 feet in length, eight feet in width and eight and one-half feet in height when accessory to detached single family use (unless agricultural in use).

(c) Portable storage containers accessory to multi-family uses: A single container shall be permitted per 50 dwelling units per lot, each for a maximum 14-day period, and for no more than two times per year.

(d) Additional standards for containers accessory to industrial uses: No more than three containers shall be permitted simultaneously per lot and each for a maximum 14-day period.

(e) Additional standards for containers accessory to other uses not identified above: A single container shall be permitted per lot for a maximum 14-day period, and for no more than two times per year.

(f) For time periods exceeding the limits stated in (b), (c), (d) and (e), containers shall be located in a screened storage yard, behind the front building line and meet all requirements for screened storage and other applicable Zoning Code requirements.

(g) The penalties and procedure for enforcement of violations of this section are provided in Article I, Division II of the Zoning Ordinance.

(Ord. No. 1415, § 20, 7-11-06)