

TEMPORARY STORAGE CONTAINER PERMITS ON LA COUNTY PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Temporary storage containers are containers that can be placed on public right-of-way and used by property owners or tenants for temporary storage of items, including, but not limited to clothing, equipment, goods, household/office fixtures or furnishings, materials, and merchandise. Temporary storage containers shall be used only for the purpose of loading, temporary storage and transporting of approved above. These containers shall not be used for the collection or storage of hazardous materials or hazardous waste as defined by federal, state, or local law.

PUBLIC WORKS FEES

The following fees are based on the 2024-25 fee schedule. Fees are subject to annual increases each fiscal year.

Issuance Fee (16.10.020)	\$207
Processing Fee (16.10.155)	\$375
Annual Drop Box Container Permit Fee (16.19.050)	\$2,434

ANNUAL ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

Storage container companies shall apply for a non-refundable annual encroachment permit to place temporary storage containers in the public right-of-way per Los Angeles County Code 16.19. Each application submitted shall be accompanied by the annual drop box container permit fee (16.19.050) and must provide a general liability insurance, which shall include the County of Los Angeles as an additional insured. Each permittee shall maintain the required insurance during the life of the permit and whenever a temporary storage container is placed on any portion of public right-of-way. Annual encroachment permit may take up to four weeks for processing.

INDIVIDUAL LOCATION PERMIT – ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

Property owners or tenants shall apply for an encroachment permit to place temporary storage container in the property public right-of-way within the property frontage limits. Temporary storage container shall not remain at any location on a highway/street for more than seven consecutive days. Public Works can be contacted for an extension if additional time is needed. The applicant shall pay the issuance fee and provide a sketch or site plan with the following information:

1. Placement and removal date of temporary storage container.
2. Name of the street where the temporary storage container is to be placed.
3. Nearest cross street names.

4. Property owner's/tenant's name, address, phone number, and e-mail address.
5. Dimension to the nearest driveway on either side of the temporary storage container.
6. Dimensions of street widths, parking lane width, and sidewalk width.
7. A north arrow.
8. Existing dimensions of the temporary storage container (width, length, and height).
9. Storage container company name and contact information.

To apply for a Road Encroachment permit, the applicant needs to register and log into EPIC-LA at <https://epicla.lacounty.gov/SelfService/#/home>. On the Home page, click on the Apply box. In the Search field, type Road Encroachment, click "Apply," and complete the requested information. Encroachment permits may take up to two weeks for processing. Expedited permits may be available on a case-by-case basis.



Sample of Temporary Storage Container

REQUIREMENTS

1. Temporary storage containers shall be maintained in good condition. The area immediately surrounding the containers shall be maintained in a clear manner free from any trash or harmful material.
2. Three-inch diameter reflectors must be placed on the four corners of each side of the temporary storage containers facing traffic. The reflectors must be clearly seen when illuminated by vehicle headlights.
3. The storage container company's name and telephone number shall be clearly displayed in print at least two inches in height. Advertisement on temporary storage containers is strictly prohibited.
4. Temporary storage containers shall be locked at all times unless contents are being removed or added to the containers.

RESTRICTIONS ON PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY STORAGE CONTAINERS IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

- Containers shall not be placed on any highway/street in such a manner as to constitute a hazard to pedestrians or vehicular traffic.
- Containers shall not be placed on any highway/street in a way that impairs a motorist's ability to see traffic control devices.
- Containers shall not be placed on any highway/street where parking is prohibited.
- Containers shall not be placed on any highway/street where the road is less than 15 feet wide.
- Containers shall not be placed on any highway/street with grades in excess of 6%.
- Containers shall not be placed on any highway/street within 15 feet of a crosswalk, street corner, fire hydrant, or curb ramp.
- Containers shall not be placed on any portion of the sidewalk.
- Containers shall not be placed on any highway/street where clear space for the safe passage of pedestrians is reduced to less than three feet in width.
- Containers must be placed adjacent to the applicant's property and within the projected limits of the applicant's property lines.
- Containers shall not be placed on any highway/street where it will block or unreasonably interfere with access to neighboring property.

DAMAGES TO PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

The storage container company shall be responsible for any damage to any part of the highway attributable to the placement, use, or removal of the temporary storage containers. The permittee shall repair, restore, or replace any damage to any highway to the satisfaction of Los Angeles County Public Works.