

## Q3 Please add your thoughts on why metal storage containers are a concern in residential zones or why you feel it would be beneficial to allow permanent placement in residential zones.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	They are an in expensive, secure way to easily add storage to your property.	1/30/2026 3:02 PM
2	Because they are an eye sore! No one would want to look out their window to see an neighbour with a sea can. Only should be temporary during construction or on the currently zoned properties. If they are a base use to be walls/become a lane home and a typical outter finishing/siding of a home is used, that could be okay but not as is.	1/29/2026 8:47 PM
3	I don't have a problem with them. I prefer fewer regulations rather than more.	1/27/2026 8:18 AM
4	Due to lack of storage space, containers should be allowed if certain regulations are adhered to.	1/26/2026 9:51 AM
5	They are ugly, crowd a property, impede views, not assessed for taxation, etc.	1/25/2026 2:33 PM
6	They are an eyesore and definitely should not be in residential zones.	1/24/2026 2:24 PM
7	Eyesore, does not comply with RDOS regulations.	1/23/2026 8:11 PM
8	Lower neighbourhood quality. Should be a time limit to be allowed. Example: re-due your flooring, reno's etc. ALWAYS EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE	1/23/2026 11:13 AM
9	Eyesore for neighbors. Don't want to live next door to a yard full of crap.	1/23/2026 10:48 AM
10	I do not want the Town to turn into an industrial park.	1/22/2026 12:40 PM
11	I would love to add a storage container to my property for the winter for storage, but I can only locate it between my property and the street. This becomes an eyesore, but so does any storage container anywhere on the property. If you don't allow them any where on residential property.....prob is solved	1/20/2026 11:40 AM
12	most residential town lots are too small; the containers are big and bulky, and somewhat of an eyesore.	1/18/2026 12:05 PM
13	Residential zones should only have homes garages sheds that are built a code. I don't believe metal storage containers are safe. They don't emergency exits,in case anyone was to be locked inside.	1/15/2026 9:52 PM
14	They should be required to be painted to blend in with the landscape and not be used to block neighbours views as well following the towns setbacks.	1/15/2026 12:59 PM
15	Residents can use for storage.	1/15/2026 7:12 AM
16	They are unsightly in residential communities, keep them in the industrial areas. Plenty of available offsite storage solutions.	1/14/2026 4:04 PM
17	these metal containers are so large and ugly and there are storage options available for rent in the industrial area!	1/14/2026 2:27 PM
18	Possible temporary use only for moving in/out might be ok. A reasonable time frame may be determined.	1/14/2026 12:40 PM
19	It would be lovely if residential zones could remain looking like residential zones. Many residents put a lot of time, effort and money into beautifying their homes and yards, and to have that ruined with big metal storage containers would be a shame. We also have local businesses that rent monthly storage, so let's support them.	1/13/2026 9:27 PM
20	We do not need to have these containers in our yards to look at instead of the beautiful flowers	1/13/2026 11:39 AM

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and shrubs, or even some people will loose their lake view.

21	They are an eyesore and makes our properties look messy. If people need storage, they could pay for proper storage units. This will value our homes and our neighborhoods. It will attract rodents and other issues. Also, as a insurance broker of over 25 years, insurance companies do not like having these own properties.	1/13/2026 11:01 AM
22	The whole town is starting to look like a giant storage lot with obscenely large RVs and boats cluttering up front yards as well as these giant metal boxes. Not very pretty for a tourist town. That's what the storage lots are for.	1/13/2026 10:05 AM
23	They are unsightly in a residential area and should only be used temporarily on a permit basis for a stated and compelling reason such as construction storage.	1/13/2026 9:16 AM
24	great storage or sheds	1/13/2026 6:59 AM
25	They may tend to be an eye sore.	1/12/2026 10:50 PM
26	Sea cans are unsightly and should only be permitted temporarily	1/12/2026 12:30 PM
27	Metal containers are an eyesore and devalue neighbouring properties. I've noted several metal containers that looked great when first put on a property but have been left to rust, peel and become horrible to look at it. If you need a metal storage container, you have too much "stuff" and should be getting a storage unit, getting rid of some "stuff" or moving to a property that will hold all your "stuff" or is zoned for metal storage containers.	1/12/2026 10:06 AM
28	Decrease property value Ugly, don't belong in a residential area	1/11/2026 10:30 PM
29	Metal containers in residential areas will be used just to store junk which should be disposed of on the property.	1/11/2026 6:11 PM
30	I feel that they should not be in the front portion of the yard, unless it is for a move or renovation as long as the length of time is controlled. They could be used in back yards in place of a shed since they would provide better security.	1/11/2026 5:48 PM
31	Bins are more suited for industrial or agricultural purposes only.	1/11/2026 3:24 PM
32	I think allowing them on a temporary bases is fine. e.g emptying a house for an estate sale or while moving. I don't think they should be allowed on a permanent basis	1/11/2026 2:21 PM
33	They sometimes tend to collect junk and become permanent eyesores.	1/11/2026 12:19 PM
34	Residential areas should look like residential neighbourhoods! No seacans, no quonsets, no commercial car washing etc! Lowers value of other properties because it is unsightly.	1/11/2026 11:07 AM
35	They are unsightly, block views, and almost always end up with rodents living under them.	1/10/2026 11:48 PM
36	I feel if we start putting metal containers on residential property our town will start to look ugly. As well I would be concerned with what is being stored in these containers. The wrong stuff could cause explosion and injury to people.	1/10/2026 8:15 PM
37	Residential areas need to be protected. There are already far too many motorhomes, trailers and boats in driveways and empty lots. Seacans are intrusive and ugly! If people need storage, support commercial storage businesses.	1/10/2026 7:28 PM
38	Why change what works!	1/10/2026 3:37 PM
39	we can lock things up ( gardening tools, motorcycles, bikes, kayaks and so on ) it makes so much sense.	1/10/2026 2:58 PM
40	Bylaws regulationing must follow color of home building colors	1/10/2026 1:51 PM
41	With a storage container allowed; it would allow for a cleaner, more organized appearance; as many items that would normally litter yards and attract thieves, could be securely stored under lock and key in the storage unit, where they'd be out of site. It also offers safe winter storage for summer vehicles that would otherwise be left out in the element.	1/10/2026 12:00 PM
42	unsightly	1/10/2026 11:24 AM
43	Very unsightly. Devalues the area properties	1/10/2026 11:10 AM
44	Sea cans don't belong in residential properties.	1/10/2026 10:43 AM

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45	Why is Council spending money on this question??? We bought in an area with specific requirements so our property value goes up not down. Building schemes are set for a reason to provide certainty to purchasers. STRONG NO	1/10/2026 10:32 AM
46	Too permanent. Temporary for Reno or moving okay. Not permanent	1/10/2026 10:05 AM
47	Terrible visual contamination. Where would they be positioned if approved?	1/10/2026 9:31 AM
48	First off they are unsightly and bring down your property values! Some of these containers are used to store bulk fireworks which are a dangerous commodity to the neighbourhood, others have flammable chemicals in them which is also an accident waiting to happen. Since residential properties are not zoned for sea cans in the first place they should NOT be allowed at all, other than the temporary reason set out for construction with an approved building permit!	1/10/2026 9:10 AM
49	I feel they are a concern in residential areas as they are an eye sore, they are usually rusted and old, nothing I would want to look at from my windows.	1/10/2026 7:51 AM
50	They are an eye sore.	1/10/2026 7:03 AM
51	A big concern also is all the large items and junk that make coming into Osoyoos look terrible.	1/10/2026 5:40 AM
52	These containers would be an eyesore and a blight on our town unless stringent measures were put in place for maintenance and care of them.	1/10/2026 5:29 AM
53	Concerns - are ugly if not modified as stated above, limit units permitted to one so residential zones don't look like an agricultural or industrial zone. A building permits should be required for all unit types to ensure zone requirements are met like requirements noted question 2. Benefits- potentially less expensive building cost, Fit into the look and feel of residential zone - providing regulations are stipulated like only one unit per lot, only in back yard, no stacking allowed, structure must look like a home and garage - siding, windows, etc. Easier to regulate if regulations are stated within the zoning bylaw.	1/9/2026 11:50 PM
54	Seriously I can't believe you are asking this question. They look like industrial items, that's because they are for industrial purposes, they are NOT residential items. Short term temporary is maybe OK for a valid reason with a permit. Long term permanent NO.	1/9/2026 10:09 PM
55	you should be able to place on property line like any other portable building	1/9/2026 8:43 PM
56	If it's needed to move or remodel and it's needed so why not	1/9/2026 7:32 PM
57	I am concerned that if they are allowed they are going to be an eye sore. If they are allowed there needs to be restrictions and ways to make the storage containers not stand out.	1/9/2026 6:35 PM
58	Permanent containers become an eye sore as they tend to not have their exteriors maintained. They are designed for ease of use in shipping and do not fit in residential designs. As long as they are not visible from the street or create issues with neighbors I think they can be ok, definitely not pretty unless they have been through a major overhaul design	1/9/2026 5:40 PM
59	What!! Whose idea is this? They are ugly and not meant to be in residential areas. No benefit what so ever.	1/9/2026 4:33 PM
60	concerned that it would promote a long-term eyesore for neighbours	1/9/2026 4:12 PM
61	I think it is a horrible idea, it is esthetically unappealing, prone to abuse in placement and encourages accumulation of garbage.	1/9/2026 2:40 PM
62	You have only talked about where it can be placed, and how high. What you have not discussed is is it rusty, does it have to be painted, is it a new one, what is the physical appearance of the SC. If you come up with more instructions as to the maintenance, I may reconsider my opinion.	1/9/2026 2:35 PM
63	I think temporary use (perhaps while moving in or out) would be OK but then I also believe that many folks would abuse the time constraint of the temporary use. I think that esthetically they devalue a neighborhood and also wonder how many folks would upgrade them to be an illegal secondary living space 'in their back yard' without appropriate zoning and permissions. Overall, we both vote a resounding no for residential zones.	1/9/2026 2:23 PM
64	We think sea cans would be trashy & ugly to look at, as well as decrease property values, if permanent sea cans were allowed in residential neighbourhoods in Osoyoos. Temporary for	1/9/2026 2:11 PM

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	people just moving in or out is fine.	
65	Great for storing patio furniture bikes quads	1/9/2026 1:39 PM
66	If a residential property owner needs additional storage there are several businesses in the area that offer secure storage options. Additionally, they are unsightly and not suitable in a residential area.	1/9/2026 12:42 PM
67	They make a good fence between neighbours and can be easily adapted into permanent storage sheds. In Ontario aren't they making them into seniors housing? Why not utilize them and keep them out of landfills. Home owners can paint them to match their house, add a mural to them, or even add siding to blend them in.	1/9/2026 12:31 PM
68	Unsightly, possibly blocking neighbours, if approved regulations would have to be implemented to determine where proper placement of the container would be allowed.	1/9/2026 12:28 PM
69	Unsightly and ugly. Should we not be attempting to clean our town up rather than making it look more ugly!	1/9/2026 12:11 PM
70	they do not belong in residential area, for one they are an eyesore and do not blend in. if anything for a time limit on how long they could stay if someone is renovating and needs a place for temporary storage , maybe one month max	1/9/2026 12:01 PM
71	Just like having an rv blocks the view and ugly	1/9/2026 12:01 PM
72	1. Storage containers are unsightly in residential zones, hence should only be temporary such as during construction, and with a time limit. 2. Concern for what is hidden in a container with no time limit or inspection of content - do not need human choices that could result in harm and burden on society, and/or harm to the natural world which adds more to the burden on society. 3. Long term storage of items that a person may hoard but never use could result in items that cannot be recycled to a circular economy.	1/9/2026 11:30 AM
73	If located on the front of the property, it can contribute to a neighborhood not looking good - it contributes to a sense that the homeowner doesn't care for the look of their property. It could also bring down neighbor's home value if trying to sell. But, if the property is large enough and the metal storage container is placed away from the eye of people driving by, it should be ok.	1/9/2026 11:26 AM
74	Due to the high cost of building materials these make excellent sheds! They should be permitted in front yards with big enough spaces to accomodate them too - being limited to back yards is ridiculous as nobody on my street would be able to fit it between the houses to get to the back yards (#3)	1/9/2026 11:18 AM
75	They would be an eyesore to the beauty of a neighbourhood. They are ugly and make you feel like you are in an industrial park. If one is next door it could block your view or light coming into your house, for example kitchen window.	1/9/2026 10:38 AM
76	why would they be needed?	1/9/2026 10:22 AM
77	They should be in good shape and they provide a cost effective storage. I don't feel a sea can is much different than a storage shed which are allowed	1/9/2026 10:02 AM
78	They could become unsightly if left permanently. Okay to have them to remove junk when needed.	1/9/2026 10:00 AM
79	Metal storage containers used as a secure storage place is a valuable option to residents. With proper rules - on placement, condition, size, these can be useful.	1/9/2026 9:52 AM
80	Sea cans are ugly on residential lots and should only be allowed in an industrial area	1/9/2026 9:43 AM
81	Eyesore and then they get used as storage sheds.	1/9/2026 9:22 AM
82	Seacans are an eyesore in what is considered a resort community. Storage facilities are available in town. What a property owner is allowed to do should take into consideration the impact on neighbours and the community as a whole.	1/9/2026 9:13 AM
83	if town regulations allows the placements of these metal storage everywhere then it looks like a slum area	1/9/2026 9:10 AM
84	They rust and become eyesores, impacting the look of residential areas and lowering property values. The intent of sea cans is for temporary storage and/or construction trash removal and not to be permanent fixture on a residential property.	1/9/2026 9:06 AM

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85	It is unsightly and unnecessary is a residential neighborhood	1/9/2026 9:05 AM
86	Just my opinion that they are very unattractive and would look junky in a residential neighborhood.	1/9/2026 8:39 AM
87	Affordable storage for residents. Units should be well maintained and have aesthetic appeal	1/9/2026 8:21 AM
88	They can be used as a temporary measure but they look horrible and give an industrial feel in a residential area. There are other storage options that look better or industrial storage facilities if needed.	1/9/2026 8:21 AM
89	Ugly , and takes away from the landscapes. This is a waste of money doing a survey for common sense.	1/9/2026 8:16 AM
90	Looks like a junk yard	1/9/2026 8:12 AM
91	They look ugly and are likely to end up as permanent fixtures.	1/9/2026 8:09 AM
92	I think it is ok as long as they look neat and tidy. Not just placed anywhere.	1/9/2026 8:01 AM
93	An eyesore! Allow for temporary storage when renovating. I had one for 2 weeks when replacing flooring. Not permanent	1/9/2026 7:59 AM
94	They r ugly and a fire risk.if allowed should have vents	1/9/2026 7:51 AM
95	They are an eyesore and shouldn't be visible from the street. I currently rent two storage units and a Motorhome Spot. That is where I think they belong.	1/9/2026 7:48 AM
96	I get the use of them to convert to structures but they are an eye sore and will make a yard and a neighbourhood look terrible.values and curb appeal go down	1/9/2026 7:47 AM
97	Unsightly in a residential area. Terrible idea	1/9/2026 7:42 AM
98	Some folks need them for storage	1/9/2026 7:17 AM
99	We have enough rules and regulations with what we can do with our own property without adding more.	1/9/2026 6:53 AM
100	Shouldn't be allowed in residential areas as they are an eye sore and take away from the rest of the area. Osoyoos is a beautiful place. Build a larger garage or rent a storage unit.	1/9/2026 6:43 AM
101	Similar to a shed.	1/9/2026 6:22 AM
102	Unsightly knowing people these days they take advantage of the riles and regulations. Bring them in to place items in then store the containers someplace else. We are a resort town let's keep our neighborhoods and streets neat and tidy!	1/9/2026 5:14 AM
103	They are ugly and would mar every residential property in the vicinity of permanent placements. If this is allowed, our property values would degrade and lawsuits are likely.	1/9/2026 4:33 AM
104	They are unsightly and should not be allowed permanently	1/9/2026 3:55 AM
105	Sometimes people need them for extra storage or other reasons. I've seen worse on people's property. Osoyoos rules for home owners and tax payers are getting pretty extreme for no reason. Chill out Osoyoos. Seems like every year there are new communistic rules to a small community. You seem more worried about supplementing non residents and non tax payers. Focus back on fun n sun	1/9/2026 1:35 AM
106	Storage, to park a vehicle.	1/8/2026 11:49 PM
107	Families can barely afford to buy never mind Reno the many tiny old homes. Families need storage space. These work in place of garages.	1/8/2026 11:46 PM
108	We need to consider options that instil pride in our community. That requires neighbourhoods and home owners who take care of their properties. Metal containers are an eyesore and a step in the wrong direction. If storage is needed, homeowners should build a storage shed or purchase a prefabricated one. Using Industrial-looking metal containers is only another way in which the visual quality of our neighbourhoods will fall further.	1/8/2026 11:34 PM
109	Metal storage containers should never be permanent on any residential property. Residential property is not a business and should never need a seat can as storage. Garden sheds are not	1/8/2026 11:20 PM

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	sea cans.	
110	*They are an eyesore *Criminals can hide inside *Animals can fall in and not able to come out *Potential fire hazard as people can drop things inside that could ignite, as in bottles acting as lenses under summer sun, which is one of the ways arsonists start forest fires	1/8/2026 11:20 PM
111	Eyesore.	1/8/2026 10:49 PM
112	They are storage. I don't want to see people storage. They are ugly & don't belong in residential neighborhoods.	1/8/2026 10:41 PM
113	should only be used in industrial or farm areas	1/8/2026 10:25 PM
114	You know it will be abused. There are already a few in town. If we did more to get rid of junk cars, broken fruit boxes and random appliances on the side of the road. It would help. There already are storage companies here in town and the current rules work fine where (with a permit) you can load a seacan and have it put in storage off your property.	1/8/2026 10:10 PM
115	Metal storage containers have a number of uses but having them in residential areas except on a temporary basis for renovation material is unsightly, and I am definitely opposed to the idea. Who in the world thought up this idea ???	1/8/2026 9:40 PM
116	They are unsightly and make the property look more industrial (issue when selling your property next door) Is the Town trying to avoid the effort and staff time involved in enforcing the Unsightly Premises By-law??	1/8/2026 9:32 PM
117	They are a great solution for storage. Helps to keep a yard tidy. Usually costs a lot less than building a garage or shed. Really if it is on someone's own property and within height and property line guidelines then who cares.	1/8/2026 9:28 PM
118	Osoyoos is a destination why on earth would residents want ugly industrial/commercial storage containers in their neighborhoods? I can understand people moving and having storage containers spotted for several days but for longer than a temporary period of time - a week or two, visually they are a blight	1/8/2026 9:06 PM
119	They are an eyesore!	1/8/2026 8:58 PM
120	In my opinion they make the property look run down. They're okay for temporary construction needs but definitely not on a permanent basis.	1/8/2026 8:49 PM
121	Metal storage containers in residential areas take away from the look of your home and surrounds.. since they look industrial and should be managed in an industrial setting by any entrepreneur who can manage residential customer needs on as as need's basis, they should be placed in designated industrial zones, be managed and regulated accordingly..	1/8/2026 8:38 PM
122	Not in residential areas, or very limited for renovation or construction purposes. They are ugly, bulky, and block visibility when in driveways. Storage bin companies don't follow the local bylaws and park them anywhere the customer asks.	1/8/2026 8:29 PM
123	I agree if containers are one's converted to living spaces. Unsure if allowed.	1/8/2026 8:24 PM
124	Ugly. If storage is needed a proper shed should be used.	1/8/2026 8:18 PM
125	Must be kept painted in appropriate color and no advertisement on them	1/8/2026 8:12 PM
126	I don't think they should be seen from the main street of the home .....should be kept in good condition.....not to be used for housing.....must follow the guide lines already in place .....	1/8/2026 8:05 PM
127	Don't understand the need for these ugly structures to be allowed on residential property, unless for temporary construction or renovations....come on Council....use some common sense here! They should NOT be a permanent fixture!	1/8/2026 7:50 PM
128	It would be an eyesore and you don't explain the purpose for these containers	1/8/2026 7:45 PM
129	They are unsightly and should only be placed on a temporary basis during major renovations or recent moves.	1/8/2026 7:40 PM
130	A residential area is not a commercial storage area so let's consider locating the sea cans on commercial properties where there shape does not offend the appearance of residential neighborhoods	1/8/2026 7:35 PM

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131	Unightly. Do not belong in a residential neighbourhood. Would you want one permanently next to your house?	1/8/2026 7:34 PM
132	Just an eyesore in a residential area. Farming and agriculture would be tolerated.	1/8/2026 7:22 PM
133	.Permanent metal storage containers in residential zones raise concerns due to their industrial appearance, which can be inconsistent with residential neighbourhood character and negatively affect streetscapes and nearby property values. These containers are not designed for long-term residential use and may present safety, building code, fire, and anchoring issues if not properly regulated. Their placement can also create enforcement challenges and set undesirable precedents that undermine zoning intent. Additionally, metal containers can contribute to heat retention, drainage, and environmental concerns, particularly on smaller residential lots, potentially impacting neighbouring properties and overall community livability	1/8/2026 7:12 PM
134	Many people move here from larger homes & they need a place to store their items, whether outdoor or indoor items.	1/8/2026 6:49 PM
135	As the storage containers age they begin to rust , thus an eyesore. If one has that much of a need for storage, think of downsizing.	1/8/2026 6:48 PM
136	They are an eyesore.	1/8/2026 6:43 PM
137	such a tricky question. In some respects, they are no uglier than some 5th wheels or motor homes. In other respects they can encourage more junk. BUT it looks better than having the junk leaning up against a garage, which is exactly what I have to do right now. At my home the garage is a workshop and there is no room for larger items or drying larger pieces of wood, so all that kind of thing is just leaning up against the side of the garage in plain sight of the road and my neighbours. A thought just crossed my mind, that a regulation that should be added is that it has to be painted to match the other buildings on the property. But now that I've re-read the conditions, I guess #3 means it cannot be visible from the road anyway.	1/8/2026 6:33 PM
138	Great for extra storage and creates less mess in the yard	1/8/2026 6:28 PM
139	Considering we weren't allowed to put one on our commercial property, when at the time a serving councillor was allowed, just make sure you don't play favourites.	1/8/2026 6:26 PM
140	Unightly for neighbours to have to look at long term	1/8/2026 6:24 PM
141	If your goal is to make Osoyoos look like a burrow in a third world country then by all means grant people the right to install giant boxes in their backyard and beside their houses.	1/8/2026 6:17 PM
142	It's our property and should be out choice	1/8/2026 6:14 PM
143	I think they are fine for people who are moving or doing construction as they are convenient and cost effective for these purposes. But they should not be allowed as a permanent fixture in a residential area. Kind of an eyesore if left on site for too long. Thanks.	1/8/2026 6:03 PM
144	They are just plain ugly and an eye sore to neighbours and property values	1/8/2026 6:02 PM
145	eye sore, not managed well, block visual pathways	1/8/2026 5:59 PM
146	They are unsightly	1/8/2026 5:56 PM
147	They are ugly, attract critters, and or people want to live in them. Allow accessory buildings that are consistent with the neighborhood character.	1/8/2026 5:53 PM
148	definitely not. This cheapens all of osoyoos. there are plenty of storage facilities in town.	1/8/2026 5:53 PM
149	Easy to use and can be spruced up to blend in with the neighborhood tones.	1/8/2026 5:50 PM
150	They are an eye sore	1/8/2026 5:50 PM
151	They are an eyesore and should not be allowed.	1/8/2026 5:37 PM
152	I do not support allowing permanent metal storage containers in residential zones. Due to their industrial appearance, noise, and effectively permanent nature once placed, I do not believe any reasonable set of regulations would be sufficient to prevent negative impacts on curb appeal and neighbourhood character. Once installed, these containers are difficult to relocate, visually disruptive on most residential lots, and introduce enforcement challenges regarding use. I am also concerned about policy consistency. The City is considering allowing permanent industrial-style storage containers in residential areas, yet does not permit full-time occupancy	1/8/2026 5:31 PM

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of well-maintained trailers or tiny homes on private property—despite the fact that those living arrangements are quieter, visually more compatible with residential neighbourhoods, mobile, and far easier to regulate through inspections, occupancy limits, and enforcement. Residential properties already have multiple appropriate options for storage that align with residential character. In contrast, metal storage containers offer little flexibility, no effective mitigation options, and create more potential issues than solutions. This proposal does not appear to align with community livability or current housing priorities.

153	They're ugly and dangerous; they rust; if unlocked a child/animal could get in and door could shut and no one would know; owners would most likely not take care of the outside of the container, i.e., paint/upkeep; owners might turn it into a work shop/business. They are not intended to be a shed or carport or anything else 'home' related - we can build sheds, carports, extra rooms, etc. No, no, no. I do not wish to look out at containers in yards.	1/8/2026 5:31 PM
154	Theft, crime, garbage piling up. People using them as homes, marijuana grow operations and drug lab, storage crimes. Isn't Osoyoos a BC DESTINATION tourist Hotspot why pollute it with these metal storage containers. Who will it benefit?	1/8/2026 5:30 PM
155	Eyesore.	1/8/2026 5:22 PM
156	I do not want to see a sea can sitting in my neighborhood. Not a good idea at all	1/8/2026 5:21 PM
157	Unattractive.	1/8/2026 5:21 PM
158	Should have a rod added and painted to not look like a container	1/8/2026 5:20 PM
159	These storage bins are an eyesore	1/8/2026 5:15 PM
160	I think metal containers should be allowed temporarily for moving in and out of homes only with a set time limit. Metal containers in the front of homes and in driveways for permanent storage should not be allowed. Metal containers block views for backing out of driveways which could be a potential for accidents. They are also ugly and will lower the value of neighborhoods.	1/8/2026 5:08 PM
161	Metal storage containers on residential properties is not appropriate and should not be permitted for permanent use.	1/8/2026 5:07 PM
162	Metal storage containers are an eye sore. If used as a permanent structure, they should be under the same regulations as other permanent structures.	1/8/2026 5:01 PM
163	Keep the yard clean instead of a junk yard so we can beautify our town for the tourists and pay more taxes to the town	1/8/2026 4:55 PM
164	They are ugly. Why would we want or need them?	1/8/2026 4:52 PM
165	There are storage companies that can store your extra stuff. They are unsightly and unnecessary in residential unless you are building or renovating. If you are building or renovating they need a hard limit on time allowed.	1/8/2026 4:44 PM
166	Eye sore, degrade property value, would look to industrial.	1/8/2026 4:44 PM
167	So if this bylaw is in effect why was it never enforced. We had to look at one for 5 years. We were informed as long as someone has a building permit they can have one. Looking forward to your clarification.	1/8/2026 4:38 PM
168	Ugly eyesores	1/8/2026 4:32 PM
169	Osoyoos used to take pride in the town's esthetic especially when competing for communities in bloom. As a tourist town storage containers will detract from that and can attract unlawful use. I strongly disagree agree. There are plenty of storage businesses around Osoyoos to draw on. The eyesore of a garage on 89th street and its dirt lot is a perfect example of poor residential design and planning.	1/8/2026 4:31 PM
170	These sea cans detract from looks of a neighbourhood and should not be allowed for permanent placement anywhere. It is OK for the town to issue a building permit to use a sea can for storage during construction, but only on a temporary basis until the construction is completed. If residential property owners are allowed permanent use of 2 sea cans, the cans will never be removed ... what an eyesore.	1/8/2026 4:29 PM
171	Many metal containers are not well maintained causing a nuisance to a residential area. If they are allowed the town will have to ensure that the container is well maintained and not visible to	1/8/2026 4:28 PM

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the neighbours or passing traffic. The current bylaw is sufficient if the community wants to maintain high community standards. The current state of poor bylaw enforcement has led the proliferation of these containers and spotty enforcement based on complaints. If a bylaw officer sees an illegal container then enforcement action needed to occur. Probably a need to add municipal lands to the legal uses to assist with current equipment storage practises that are not in residential areas. The current bylaw enables the development and maintenance of visually appealing residential communities. There is no need to change this intent and develop conflict between neighbours.

172	Good for temporary storage during renovations or construction. Too much of an eyesore in the case of permanent placement.	1/8/2026 4:23 PM
173	We are a resort municipality!	1/8/2026 4:22 PM
174	They are secure storage, fire proof.	1/8/2026 4:21 PM
175	they are unsightly	1/8/2026 4:17 PM
176	If the containers were to be put in the back yard. Or the surrounding neighbors who have to look at it dont object. Nothing in front yard except for moving.	1/8/2026 4:17 PM
177	They are only a concern if they are unkept and in poor condition	1/8/2026 4:16 PM
178	Eye sore. Temp is ok.	1/8/2026 4:13 PM
179	Eye sore.	1/8/2026 4:13 PM
180	In favor of metal containers because they are fire proof, should not be easily broken into. They are probably cheaper, at this time than a prebuilt 10x10x10.	1/8/2026 4:13 PM
181	I think they should be used only if construction is going on, otherwise it just allows people to horde. Saftey we cant see what is stored in container, hazardous material. They shouldnt be used for living space.	1/8/2026 3:58 PM
182	As most look rusty and have commercial lettering it is not appealing in a residential neighbourhood. Pretty sure the town does not have the resources to ensure that containers are in good condition and not rusty eyesore.	1/8/2026 3:57 PM
183	Unsightly	1/8/2026 3:56 PM
184	They are a cost effective secure storage solution. Especially for small home based businesses. I think its a better look on residential properties than things stored all over the place in yards.	1/8/2026 3:56 PM
185	There is no reason why a Metal Shed should be allowed/placed in Residential areas, they are ugly and block view from potenal crime to homes sitting back on their lot.	1/8/2026 3:55 PM
186	They are not designed as permanent structures especially in a residential area. They where designed to haul materials on trucks. Possibly good for storage only in an industrial zone or as a very temporary storage during construction. I for one don't want to see these scattered amongst nicely kept residential properties.	1/8/2026 3:54 PM
187	They block air and light and are seldom maintained to the same level as a house.	1/8/2026 3:49 PM
188	They are ugly & spoil the views for neighbours.	1/8/2026 3:49 PM
189	Houses are small thief is high in Osoyoos gives renter and home owners a safe place to store valuables	1/8/2026 3:48 PM
190	Would not be aesthetically to look at. Obstructing view	1/8/2026 3:46 PM
191	It would be beneficial as a personal storage unit to keep trash out of site!	1/8/2026 3:45 PM
192	It would make residential zones look messy, and would do nothing at all for curb appeal	1/8/2026 3:44 PM
193	Great for moving and construction, HORRIBLE as a permanent neighbour, they are UGLY.	1/8/2026 3:44 PM
194	Metal containers are a Huge eyesore	1/8/2026 3:40 PM
195	They are okay if you are using them for moving purposes but for long term no they are very unsightly	1/8/2026 3:39 PM



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218	I think it would be beneficial in some residential areas for extra storage, especially if you don't have a large enough house. If you're doing renovations and need to remove household items, that is also a great place to store them while you are in the renovation process.	1/8/2026 3:11 PM
219	It should be allowed on commercial property only. Which at this time it is not allowed.	1/8/2026 3:10 PM
220	I think the current regulations cover any concerns I have. It is the enforcement of the regulation that may need to be improved.	1/8/2026 3:09 PM
221	They are an eyesore, the town has done a shitty job of enforcing the existing bylaw. Time to rid the town of mayor, council and manager and get new slate that listens to the taxpayers of this town	1/8/2026 3:09 PM
222	Handy for people who don't have garages or sheds to store lawn mowers, lawn furniture etc. I'm winter	1/8/2026 3:09 PM
223	Unightly	1/8/2026 3:04 PM
224	Once you find a way to tax it, it will be allowed! It's not a concern. Your building codes are so restrictive that people are allowed to build out or to put extra things on their property, but also supposed to do	1/8/2026 3:01 PM
225	Should be allowed on residential lots as long as they are painted and specific colour and are not full of rust. The nice thing about sea cans is the can be easily moved unlike a permanent structure. Also they are a lot cheaper than a permanent structure, which can't be easily removed.	1/8/2026 2:59 PM
226	They should be temporary only, during construction or renovation, not for permanent storage. The cans are unsightly and an invitation to attempted break-ins.	1/8/2026 2:57 PM
227	The main reason is aesthetic; they are ugly, unsightly, and create a light industrial look in a residential area. If people want storage, these steel containers exist as rental units at the light industrial area just west of town.	1/8/2026 2:56 PM
228	They are hideous. Why do we even allow, motor homes, trailers to park on residential properties. If you can afford to own, drive, pull one of these you can afford to store it in the proper storage facility!	1/8/2026 2:56 PM
229	Construction costs are high. Trades are hard to find. The permit process is prohibitive. Accessory buildings (of a non-permitted size) aren't always big enough. Please streamline any permitting requirements for sea cans. Thanks.	1/8/2026 2:53 PM
230	Should only be for short term construction debris removal.	1/8/2026 2:53 PM
231	They would be very unsightly in a residential neighborhood	1/8/2026 2:53 PM
232	If it is a temporary Situation for short term but not long term	1/8/2026 2:50 PM
233	Less rules. Private property is just that. It's up to owners what they do with it. (Within reason).	1/8/2026 2:47 PM
234	I think they are ugly , and are best kept from the front of homes . They downgrade a neighborhood.	1/8/2026 2:47 PM
235	Just an eyesore in town	1/8/2026 2:45 PM
236	Metal storage containers are generally for commercial use and allowing them on residential properties would promote commercial operations on residential properties which is already an issue.	1/8/2026 2:42 PM
237	The metal storage containers are unsightly-they are not pleasant to look at out your front window and its not fair that a neighbor has to look at that for a long time. If the metal container is used in a residential area then keep it to a limited time-nothing more than a year	1/8/2026 2:39 PM
238	Wow Hard to believe this is even a question! Yes for construction but absolutely nothing else. Town already is looking trashy with no real planning dept.	1/8/2026 2:39 PM
239	If added to residential, it would make Osoyoos look trashy, hillbillies, and reduce the property values There should be more vigilance in keeping owners to keep their properties clean and tidy. Again let's keep Osoyoos classy and not trashy Also council needs to attract more business!	1/8/2026 2:38 PM

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240	Depending on what is stored in the container it could be a definite fire hazard. I would not consider buying a house if a storage container was next door.	1/8/2026 2:37 PM
241	I am thinking that some may use them to create tiny homes and alleviate our housing shortage. Not sure if we are already zoned for this, but in addition to tidier storage of the owner's goods, this might be a benefit.	1/8/2026 2:37 PM
242	My biggest concern is that sea cans will make beautiful residential neighbourhoods look like an ugly industrial zone. I'm also concerned that the spaces under the sea cans might become perfect homes for animals such as mice, rats, raccoons, and feral cats. Many of the sea cans that I have seen are rusty, covered in graffiti, or painted in ugly colours. If they are visible to anyone other than the owner, they should NEVER be allowed!	1/8/2026 2:37 PM
243	noisy, ugly, turning into work shops blocking out beautiful views of the surrounding areas .	1/8/2026 2:36 PM
244	They are very unsightful.	1/8/2026 2:36 PM
245	Visibility is a concern. It would most definitely impact neighbouring properties. They are an eyesore in most cases. A temporary storage unit during construction or renovations are fine on a short term basis.	1/8/2026 2:36 PM
246	Unsightly and should not be allowed. Safety - some block clear sight for seeing cars and people.	1/8/2026 2:36 PM
247	Storage containers are a detraction from the quality of the community - they look junky. They are effectively similar to placing a permanent storage structure next to the road due to their steel construction and they block views into and around the road and are generally unsafe with children playing along the streets (cars entering the road have poor visibility). The containers should only be allowed for 1 week's time to allow for loading and unloading. Keep Osoyoos beautiful.	1/8/2026 2:34 PM
248	They should be allowed in the driveway/ front- street side up to a max of 6 months/9 months/12 months but nothing more. If the owner needed it for storage during a renovation or needing it until other storage was secured then yes but only for a limited time. They are an eye sore. The house that has the metal storage container doesn't really see it out their front window- it's the neighbors who look at the unattractive, undesirable sight. So no to metal storage containers in residential areas!	1/8/2026 2:34 PM
249	They are ugly and are not a structure which belongs in a residential environment. Rent a storage locker or get rid of your excess junk or move to rural	1/8/2026 2:34 PM
250	They are easily graffitied, come rusted, or otherwise look shabby. Who is going to address complainants for unsightly containers? Who is going to regulate the mold and mildew for containers that do not have proper dehumidification and air circulation. Who is going to regulate that what is stored in the containers (Fire Prevention cannot regulate safe storage of hazardous goods in carports. What is to prevent the container owner from converting it into a residential rental (short or long-term). Who is going to ensure that proper fire alarm and/or suppression systems are installed, connected and working properly? Who is going to restrict or regulate the sea can dimensions that are permissible - does a larger lot allow for a larger sea can? What about multi-family complexes?	1/8/2026 2:34 PM
251	On a regular sized lot , they are a massive storage addition . They are not meant to be to be used in residential areas . Farmland would be okay in my view.	1/8/2026 2:33 PM
252	They are unsightly storage "sheds" in a residential neighborhood. They are usually unpainted, often rusted in some parts, and are often a quick reservoir for old equipment and junk. They are especially inappropriate on a front yard or in plain view. Neighbors may consider them eyesores in a neatly groomed residential property.	1/8/2026 2:31 PM
253	Beyond their ugly appearance and adding one more layer to city management and processes they are a fire hazard. Steel walls conduct heat rapidly, potentially turning a container into an "oven" during a nearby fire even without direct flame contact. check <a href="http://www.firesmartbc.ca">www.firesmartbc.ca</a> Container floors are often plywood treated with chemicals, which can catch fire easily, leading to toxic smoke. and trapped flammable vapors and sealed conditions can create explosive environments. There are documented incidents where doors flew off explosively.	1/8/2026 2:30 PM
254	Metal storage containers are an affordable storage option. They require minimal setup. Could assist in cleaning up some properties that has debris everywhere. Unsightly.	1/8/2026 2:30 PM

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255	Very unappealing for the neighbourhood. There is storage in the industrial area people can rent. If you change this unfortunately it will be hard to control the use of the containers (commercial items, etc) and people's views would be impacted and looks ugly.	1/8/2026 2:29 PM
256	As long as recreational units are allowed ,So should sea cans.....	1/8/2026 2:29 PM
257	secure storage for tools, toys, devices and materials	1/8/2026 2:28 PM
258	I think metal storage containers in residential zones are ok as long as they are in the back yard and not an eye sore to the neighbours.	1/8/2026 2:27 PM
259	unsightly, diminish visual appeal of neighborhood, lower property values, not abiding by zone 'residential'	1/8/2026 2:27 PM
260	Looks tacky in a residential area	1/8/2026 2:27 PM
261	They are very unsightly for an urban setting.	1/8/2026 2:26 PM
262	This would be very unappealing and for some blocking views. Also neighbor watch would be obstructed!	1/8/2026 2:26 PM
263	Ugly	1/8/2026 2:25 PM
264	A good use of storage especially if there are painted to help blend in. And they can be moved easily, even with a crane.	1/8/2026 2:25 PM
265	They're an eyesore in the front yard and detract from the street appeal of the neighbourhood.	1/8/2026 2:23 PM
266	Industrial metal transport containers Are for industrial settings. Not osoyoos building permted controlled subdivision.	1/8/2026 2:23 PM
267	My thoughts are an absolute no! The bins are unsightly, could be hazardous due to sight lines or due to what may be stored in them. Also they will likely attract rats and others pests. Being large and unsightly should be enough of a reason to keep them off of residential property.	1/8/2026 2:21 PM
268	Unsightly looking.	1/8/2026 2:21 PM
269	It is bad enough that boats, trailers, motor homes, boat trailers, hauling trailers, or 2-3 vehicles (cars & trucks) are all obstructing views & causing the residential areas to look like industrial storage areas rather than residential so now the town is thinking of letting owners or maybe even renters have big unsightly containers as well on their property? For a very short time to use one at the side or back of their homes (maximum 1 month & if not removed in that time limit to be heavily fined) for dejunking purposes. Am I wasting my time even answering this survey as by the wording of the second question it looks like they will be allowed? What is the need for these containers to be placed in residential zones or even in agricultural or industrial areas? Build proper storage. If someone can't pay for proper storage for all of their stuff why should other residents have to look at unsightly containers?	1/8/2026 2:21 PM
270	Our balcony looks over a back yard that includes metal storage containers and is quite unsightly. It gives an appearance of an industrial park.	1/8/2026 2:21 PM
271	I think they should be allowed because we do not have sufficient storage places in town, they are metal which means they are great for our area do to fires, do to more crime around here or anywhere they are more secure to keep valuables secure and safe, more rodent proof.	1/8/2026 2:20 PM
272	They are an eyesore	1/8/2026 2:19 PM
273	They are ugly.	1/8/2026 2:18 PM
274	Eye sore, conflicts with commercial properties that pay exorbitant property taxes to allow them where as residential taxes are much lower	1/8/2026 2:18 PM
275	Metal containers ar ugly ugly ugly. They make residential properties look like garbage dumps. They ruin the entire look of a neighborhood.	1/8/2026 2:18 PM
276	- eyesore - can invite crime by tempting bad persons to break and enter	1/8/2026 2:17 PM
277	Permanent placement should only be allowed if the containers are Made into housing as a carriage house and subject to all placement, bylaws and municipal and provincial building codes as a carriage house. Used as storage units they become a hazard as rats and other rodents burrow and make nests etc.	1/8/2026 2:17 PM

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278	Unsightly.	1/8/2026 2:16 PM
279	They just look like a big square box and makes the area look like a industrial park. Don't fit into the surroundings.	1/8/2026 2:15 PM
280	C- cans do not belong in residential areas. They will encourage unsightly garbage in and around them. They too, are unsightly.	1/8/2026 2:13 PM
281	Unsightly, should remain only in currently allowed zones.	1/8/2026 2:13 PM
282	These bins are high security, hard to break into and they are fire proof. Maybe the color of these bins should also be approved by the town bylaw. These bins according to the current bylaws are also not allowed in other building zones, why do these question not include all zonings.	1/8/2026 2:12 PM
283	With the cost of housing, Reno's, and zoning for something as simple as a shed or shop, these would be a fantastic middle ground to have.	1/8/2026 2:12 PM
284	what would the pupose be. yards are full as it is we are now looking at may vehicles per house boats etc anything seems to be allowed.also all the containers for garbage etc sitting in front to view. not going for a pretty town obviously. uncared for yards are now frequent. so many renters??	1/8/2026 2:11 PM
285	Unsightly, leading to downward pressure on residential property values. Should only be allowed in industrial zones	1/8/2026 2:11 PM
286	A seacan is unsightly and should be considered temporary storage only.	1/8/2026 2:08 PM
287	No explanation of what the purpose is. Storage of what?Who has access?	1/8/2026 2:07 PM
288	Why in the world would we endorse permanent sea cans? I honestly can't imagine the purpose.	1/8/2026 2:07 PM
289	They are not attractive. They can block views. More junk people can place on their property. Short term for construction,yes, but permanently NO. Osoyoos is beautiful, views are awesome, let's keep properties looking good too .	1/8/2026 2:07 PM
290	People already have too much junk. This just adds to it.	1/8/2026 2:07 PM
291	If it's hidden by shrubbery or tall fences I'm fine with them but they're always in the front yard or front driveway and a real eyesore. Everything should stay the same.	1/8/2026 2:06 PM
292	Unsightful	1/8/2026 2:06 PM
293	Ugly and cause obstructed views and could be used as secondary residences. Allow storage sheds for tools lawn mowers etc. limited to 12x 8 which is enough and minimal setbacks	1/8/2026 2:06 PM
294	They are unsightly and unfair for the neighbors and the value of their property for any extended period of time. They are sometimes necessary for the reasons all ready addressed. We should NOT change the regulations as they stand today.	1/8/2026 2:06 PM
295	The containers shouldn't be placed permanently on a property in a residential neighborhood, as it looks shabby. If someone needs extra storage, they should build a properly permitted shed that matches the look of the house	1/8/2026 2:05 PM
296	They will downgrade property values in neighbourhoods where they are located. A tourist town is not the place for sea cans.	1/8/2026 2:05 PM
297	Some homes do not have storage, this could solve the issue of unsightly surroundings.	1/8/2026 2:03 PM
298	I do not believe they should be stacked but they can be revamped to look like a shed or shop.	1/8/2026 2:03 PM
299	They are eyesores. What need could there possibly be for them? Get a storage locker or get rid of your stuff!	1/8/2026 2:03 PM
300	Should not be in residential areas unless property is 2 + acre and it can be out of main sight	1/8/2026 2:03 PM
301	ugly eyesore in residential areas	1/8/2026 2:02 PM
302	Ugly	1/8/2026 2:01 PM
303	Eyesore takes away the beauty of this small town.	1/8/2026 2:01 PM