



# Town of Midland Temporary Structure Guide

## What are they?

Temporary structures (or portable garages) are often constructed of metal poles with a fabric covering and are not permanently affixed to the ground. These structures are often used seasonally for vehicle protection in winter seasons.

## Do I need a permit?

The [Ontario Building Code](#) considers this type of structure to be a "tent". You will require a building permit if you meet one or more of the following criteria:

- The structure is greater than 60 m<sup>2</sup> (646 ft<sup>2</sup>)
- The structure is attached to a building
- The structure has less than 3 m (10ft) separation distance from other structures

You can find more information about the building permit process by visiting the Town website or by contacting the building department at [building@midland.ca](mailto:building@midland.ca) or 705.526.4275 x2220.

## What are the Zoning rules?

Regardless of whether a building permit is required for your temporary structure, the structure must conform to the Town's Zoning By-Law. The Zoning By-Law will vary depending on the Zoning of your property. You can find the Zoning of your property by visiting the [Town website](#) or by consulting with the Planning Department at [planning@midland.ca](mailto:planning@midland.ca) or at 705.526.4275 x2214.

A Temporary Structure will be required to comply with the size, setback and height provisions of the Zone in which it is situated. If the Temporary Structure is detached from the main building, it is considered an Accessory Building and must conform with Section 3.8 of the Zoning By-Law.



*Figure 1 Examples of Temporary Structures*

## If I have questions, who should I call?

If you have questions relating to the Ontario Building Code, please contact the Building Department below:  
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