

This factsheet provides information involving the process and legislative requirements of living in a temporary home.

What is a temporary home permit?

The establishment or occupation of a temporary home on land within the South Burnett region requires a permit and the payment of a fee as required under Subordinate Local Law 1.3 (Establishment or Occupation of a Temporary Home 2011). A completed temporary home permit application is to be submitted along with the scheduled fee.

What is classed as a temporary home?

Council's local law does not provide a definition for a temporary home, a general definition of a temporary home includes caravans, sheds, or similar structures which are used or are capable of being used as a temporary home. This definition does not apply to camping grounds or to land which already contains a permanent residence.

How do I apply?

To obtain local law approval, applicants are required to complete and submit the Temporary Home Permit Application form. This form is available on Council's website and must be accompanied with the following:

- plans and other details (as outlined in the Subordinate Local Law 1.3);
- all planning/building/plumbing approvals as required; and
- payment of all application fees.

How long does the approval last?

Local law permits ensure the activity is maintained at a level to reduce any public or environmental risk. As such, a temporary home permit can only be issued for a fixed period of 18 months and is not renewable. The duration of the permit will be dependent on the expected completion date of the permanent residence. In this regard, it is in your interest to provide Council with evidence to support the expected completion date of the permanent residence.

What requirements does a temporary home have to provide?

Ensure that all necessary amenities are provided to the temporary home/accommodation, such as kitchen facilities, bathing facilities, laundry, toilet, sleeping accommodation and an impervious floor for these facilities. It is important that the following are provided to the temporary home to ensure personal health and safety:

- adequate source of drinking water available to the proposed temporary home;
- adequate means of waste disposal and sanitation, to ensure a reasonable standard of health and hygiene can be maintained (for example plumbing/septic or chemical toilet);
- ensure the temporary home is not unsightly or unhygienic; and
- ensure the temporary home is suitably screened, so as not to adversely affect owner/s or occupiers/s of any adjoining land.

Further Information?

If you require further information in regard to temporary home permits or would like to speak to a Council officer, you can contact Council via one of the following methods:

- ✉ South Burnett Regional Council
PO Box 336
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- ☎ (07) 4189 9100
- @ info@sbrc.qld.gov.au
- 👤 Visiting a Customer Service Centre