

Flat-bed Shipping Container Delivery

Your Step-by-Step Guide to a Safe and Successful Delivery

Plan Ahead • Avoid Delays • Deliver with Confidence

STEP 1 Is Flat-Bed Delivery Right for You?



Flat-bed delivery is often the most economical option for:

- ✓ Deliveries 150+ miles from the depot
- ✓ Construction sites
- ✓ Industrial facilities
- ✓ Farms and rural properties
- ✓ Projects with access to a crane or heavy-duty forklift

IMPORTANT:

Flat-bed delivery requires the customer to provide unloading equipment capable of safely removing the container from the trailer.

STEP 2 Book Your Flat-Bed Delivery



When you order your container through Container Management, Inc., your flat-bed transportation request is submitted to our transportation broker.

IMPORTANT:

Our broker works with a nationwide network of qualified flat-bed carriers. Drivers accept shipments based on their location, route, schedule, and availability.

Because of this process, an exact delivery date cannot be confirmed until a driver has accepted the shipment.

Once a driver is assigned, our broker will contact you directly to coordinate and confirm the delivery date.

TIP:

Booking transportation early helps ensure the widest range of carrier options and the most competitive pricing.

STEP 3 Choose Your Unloading Equipment



Forklift

Best when:

- ✓ Container has forklift pockets
- ✓ Ground is firm and level
- ✓ Placement is straightforward



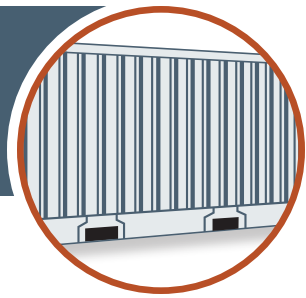
Crane

Best when:

- ✓ Container lacks forklift pockets
- ✓ Placement requires precise positioning
- ✓ Lifting over fences, walls, or buildings
- ✓ Access is limited

STEP 4

Verify Your Container Specifications



Before delivery, confirm:

Container Size	Empty Weight
20-Foot	Approximately 5,000 lbs
40-Foot	Approximately 8,500 lbs

Check for Forklift Pockets

- ✓ Most 20-foot containers have forklift pockets
- ✓ Many 40-foot containers do not
- ✓ Always verify with your supplier before delivery

STEP 6

Prepare Site Access



Your delivery route should provide:

Minimum overhead clearance:	14 feet
Minimum width clearance:	12-feet

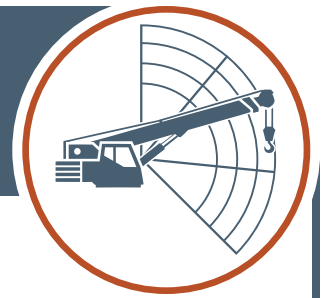
Inspect for:

- ✓ Low tree branches
- ✓ Tight turns
- ✓ Power lines
- ✓ Soft shoulders
- ✓ Narrow gates

A clear access route helps prevent delays, additional charges, and safety concerns.

STEP 5

Match Equipment to the Load



Using a Forklift

Container	Recommended Capacity
20-Foot	10,000 lbs
40-Foot	15,000 lbs

IMPORTANT:

- ✓ Forks should extend adequately through the forklift pockets
- ✓ Use all-terrain forklifts on uneven surfaces
- ✓ Confirm equipment specifications before delivery day

Using a Crane?

Provide:

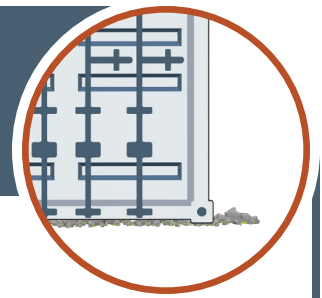
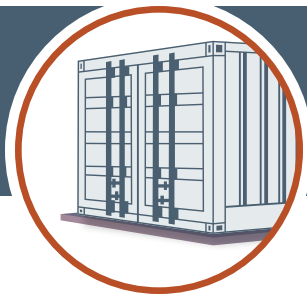
- ✓ Container weight
- ✓ Lift distance (radius)
- ✓ Site photographs
- ✓ Information regarding trees, power lines, and nearby structures

IMPORTANT:

The farther a crane must reach, the less weight it can safely lift.

STEP 7

Prepare the Ground & Foundation



Ground Requirements

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| ✓ Firm | If necessary, install: | Foundation Options |
| ✓ Level | ✓ Gravel | ✓ Concrete piers |
| ✓ Stable enough for truck traffic | ✓ Ground protection mats | ✓ Concrete slab |
| ✓ Stable enough for lifting equipment | ✓ Improved access surfaces | ✓ Engineered foundation |

A level foundation helps prevent frame twisting, door binding, and long-term structural issues.

STEP 8

Coordinate Delivery Day



At Least 24 Hours Before Delivery:

- ✓ Confirm truck schedule
- ✓ Confirm equipment rental
- ✓ Verify operator availability
- ✓ Confirm site readiness
- ✓ Review unloading plan
- ✓ Ensure all decision-makers are informed

TIP:

Have your crane or forklift on-site, fueled, inspected, and ready before the truck arrives.

STEP 9

Unload & Place Your Container



1. Guide the truck to the unloading location
2. Driver removes tie-downs
3. Lift container from trailer
4. Truck pulls forward or container is lifted clear
5. Lower container onto prepared foundation
6. Verify final placement
7. Check levelness
8. Inspect doors and container condition

SUCCESS!

Finished container installed and operational.

COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

Avoid Delays, Damage & Extra Costs

- ✗ Assuming an exact delivery date can be provided before a driver is assigned
- ✗ Forgetting to confirm forklift pockets
- ✗ Renting an undersized forklift
- ✗ Not accounting for crane reach distance
- ✗ Soft or muddy ground conditions
- ✗ Foundation not ready before delivery
- ✗ Low branches or overhead power lines
- ✗ Scheduling equipment after truck arrival
- ✗ Failing to confirm schedules 24 hours in advance

QUICK COST CHECK

Total Flat-Bed Delivery Cost

- ***Delivery Fee***
- ***Forklift or Crane Rental***
- ***Operator Fees***

Flat-bed delivery is often the most economical option when suitable lifting equipment is already available on-site.

NEED HELP PLANNING YOUR DELIVERY?

Our Team Can Help You Determine:

- ***The best delivery method***
- ***Equipment requirements***
- ***Site preparation needs***
- ***Delivery-day logistics***

Contact us before delivery day to ensure a safe, efficient, and successful container placement.



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