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Site Your Container Guide

Thanks for your recent purchase from budgetshippingcontainers.co.uk. This guide is intended to help you gain the most from your container to ensure your delivery goes smoothly and that your container is suitably placed to allow for maximum lifespan. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact us at any time

Delivery

Unless you have agreed with us in advance, your delivery may arrive on any size of vehicle up to 16.5m long bumper to bumper. You need to provide suitable access to your site for such a vehicle including suitable approach roads. Trucks will typically run with a clearance up to 14 ft 6 inches high with a standard height container on their backs, 15ft 6 inches with a high cube. Please notify us in advance if you have concerns over access, low bridges or branches in the road.

On arrival into your site, all vehicles will need to run over and operate on hard-standing ground at all time. (eg tarmac or concrete). These trucks can weight anything up to 21 tonnes when empty and up to 44 tonnes when loaded. Drivers will understandably be nervous about running over soft ground of any form and any running over soft ground is entirely at the driver's discretion.

With crane equipped deliveries we expect to be able to get our truck right alongside the place where you want your container dropped. Our trucks can lift from either side of the vehicle. Any deviation from this we can probably help but we would like to know more about the delivery in advance please so we can ensure we get the right truck on the job for you.

Our trucks cannot lift underneath any overhead obstructions. This includes lifting off inside buildings, under trees and under or near to live power cables (our hauliers do not want to lift anywhere within 20 metres of live power cables)

Delivery prices assume our drivers can get in and out within an hour. Please notify us in advance if you need us to spend time getting it into position, doing any other lifting and moving work on site other than moving the container we are delivering for you will be chargeable or if you need us to lift over any obstructions or obstacles we would like to know in advance. There may be an extra charge for additional work but it will be typically be cheaper if notified in advance and may help us aid a smooth delivery for you.

For crane equipped deliveries the lifting zone must be clear of overhead obstructions. We typically cannot lift off inside buildings with less than an approx 10m clearance.

To clarify when paying for the delivery you are paying for the trucks slot for that day or part of the day. If the truck is unable to deliver a failed delivery charge is typically 150% of the delivery price, which will be charged forward if the problems are down to access into site, the site itself or us not being notified of any special site conditions or additional work to be undertaken when on site in advance of the delivery. Any cancellation or postponement of a delivery after 9am the working day before delivery may be subject to up to 100% cancellation charge from our hauliers.

We also understand from time to time our haulier do experience problems beyond their control.

Unforeseen mechanical issues, major traffic problems, weather conditions slowing or stopping port and depot lifting operations, or trucks held at site from a previous delivery. In this instance, a delivery may be delayed or in extreme and occasional instances postponed.

Where possible, we recommend you plan for deliveries to take place a day more before you need to start working with your container.

Positioning your container.

Permanent contact with the soil and ground will over time eat away at the paint and then the container structure. This will still be the case (to a much lesser degree) if the containers are located on concrete or another similar hard grounding. We recommend raising the container on bricks, paving slabs, railway sleepers or similar, allowing air to flow under the container (if your container is sat in a puddle or water, or next to wet mud – this will eat away at the steel a lot faster than if the underside is allowed to dry out regularly)

Please ensure the container supports are totally level and that all corners are supported. This can affect how the container sits and if the container is not perfectly flat it can hinder the door operation. We recommend where possible that you check the door operation of the container whilst your delivery driver is still on site. Stiff doors can often be fixed by lifting the container up, checking the ground is level and then dropping it again.

Orientation

If your property is exposed, consider the prevailing wind. To avoid doors being blown around during use, and if your property is exposed, it can be helpful if prevailing wind hits the rear of the container at any angle. This is of greater importance if you have one of our refurbished containers with flat panel doors.

Maintenance

Your containers are designed to be low maintenance, however occasional oiling of door hinges and painting over any external scratches can help maintain the containers lifetime.