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Guidelines for planning a ground-level storage container delivery:

Space Needed: Because the container slides off the back of the trailer, you'll need a level site a minimum of 12' wide x 50' long for a 20' delivery, and 12' wide x 100' long for a 40' delivery.

Overhead Clearance: Make sure you have at least 14 feet of overhead clearance on the road to the delivery site and 20 feet of overhead clearance at the location where the truck will tilt the container to slide it off. This means all trees and overhead wires must be out of the way!

Container Doors: When the trucking company calls you to confirm the delivery address they will also ask you whether the container should be loaded with the doors facing the cab or the rear of the truck. This decision will depend upon where you want the unit located on the site. For instance, if it will be backed up to a fence or curb, you would want the doors towards to the cab.

Site Conditions: The truck and trailer weigh in excess of 30,000 lb., a concrete pad, asphalt paving or other sturdy surface is preferred and most drivers will not drive off of a road or paved surface. In considering the resting location for a container if your location is any distance from a well-packed road or driveway it is best to discuss this in advance. Issues such as slope, amount of moisture in the ground and driver experience all need to be considered before any off road delivery is attempted. We can deliver on dirt, cement, pavement, asphalt, gravel or grass as long as it is not too soft. Note that truckers will not deliver to areas behind locked gates or in areas where the drivers may be concerned about property damage or their own safety.

Surface Under the Container: Asphalt, gravel, grass, earth, concrete surfaces are all acceptable. The container is self-supporting at the four corners. Therefore, on soft unstable surfaces we recommend each corner casting to be supported with a concrete footing, railroad ties, asphalt or a bed of gravel to spread the weight. Supports or piers at the mid length of a 40' container will be of no benefit in normal applications. Although it is possible to land the container directly on the ground with no support, the best site is one that provides suitable stability to keep the container level with adequate drainage. Furthermore, an uneven site can cause the doors to bind (see Door Alignment).

Door Alignment: Occasionally after a container is delivered the doors may be difficult to close. Because the container weights 5,000 lb. or more there will be some settling and it is possible that the doors will be difficult to operate. If this occurs lifting the low or settled corner of the container and inserting some material that will support the corner can straighten the container and return the door to proper alignment. Lifting of the subsided corner can be done with a simple hydraulic jack, 'Johnson Bar' or small forklift.

Check your local weather: Due to some extreme weather conditions, the container delivery may be delayed or rescheduled. Please check your local weather at www.weather.com
