

# Purchasing a Container?

Whether purchasing a container for storage or export, size is only a small piece of the puzzle. Here are some considerations and questions when getting started.

## STORAGE

## EXPORT



### What will I be storing?

Something to consider is what will you be storing. If storing furniture you may prefer to purchase a new container vs. a used container for gardening tools.



### Do I need access on both ends?

Some customers like having doors on both ends of longer units to better access their things. In this case a "double door" container might be useful.

### Do I need it delivered?

Some prefer to pick up the unit themselves, regardless, it usually takes 2 – 5 business days depending on the time of year.



### How is the container placed?

Make sure you have an area twice the length of the container for delivery. The unit will be sliding off the back of the truck, be sure to know what end of the container you want to open. This is called DOF or DOL (door off first or door off last).



### How should I prepare the site for delivery?

Be sure to have the area leveled, free of debris and overhanging trees. When placing the unit on dirt or grass it is recommended to use wood blocks or cement at the corners of the unit as the unit might settle into the ground.



### What's the cargo?

If you are transporting rice you might want a new container or used container with a food grade certification vs. a used container to move old car parts or scrap metal.



### Should the container be surveyed?

Our answer is always yes, even if the shipping line does not require a cargo worthy certificate.



### How long does it usually take for the unit to be surveyed?

Getting the unit surveyed usually takes 2 to 4 business days in most major ports. However, time of year, weather and location can have an impact on the time frame.



### How will the container be loaded?

Determine if a live load or drop and pick will be necessary. The average allotted free time for a live load is 2 hours. Another option is Drop and pick, the unit will be dropped off and picked up when ready. Make sure you have the necessary equipment for loading



### What should I do with my container when I'm done with it?

Selling the container is always an option. The container will always have a resale value no matter the location.

