

## The Professional Way to Prepare Your Site

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So, you've just bought a steel container. All the things that are slipping through the floorboards of your home, causing your floors to bend and raising the roof a few inches each month, will finally have a home of their own. Junior's stuff left behind while he's at college, and grandma's stuff left behind when she downsized, will now all fit neatly, snugly and securely into the 20' or 48' container headed your way in about 7 to 10 days.

But wait! Just like the new Great Dane puppy you brought home last year, preparations need to be made to welcome it into your space. No worries. Unlike that big-pawed dog baby, a container is happy to be with you provided the ground is level. Unlevel ground makes doors that will be hard to open and close. And container doors are heavy for the security they give. It wouldn't do to have flimsy doors that can be coaxed open while tripping across a stormy sea, or easily jimmed by a n'er do will bent on getting inside to your precious belongings. A little effort in clearing and leveling the site will go a long way in container comfort and painless elbows and shoulders.

If you're one of those people who can't do enough for a newcomer, spreading a base of gravel is always appreciated. This can give better drainage to an area that might puddle at the first cloudburst. Ground that is easily saturated can make the doors sink a bit, which in turn, can make those double-swing doors not swing as readily as you want.

Still have more time on your hands? You can also set down a group of railroad ties. Particularly helpful in an area with mice, railroad ties keep the container up off the ground. This isn't to prevent mice from entering the container (these units are totally enclosed), but more to keep them from nesting and burrowing underneath the container. You can also set up four concrete blocks at each corner of your container.

That being said, just remember that while containers are sturdy and durable structures, anything you decide to do as far as "bedding" is concerned, will only add to the ease of being able to open and close those doors. Just as you wouldn't want to sleep on a bed crooked on one end, your container will be more usable if it rests level and straight.

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