



OWNER'S GUIDE

Taking Care of Your Container

A shipping container is about as low-maintenance as a structure gets — it crossed an ocean before it got to you. A few small habits keep the doors swinging easy and the inside dry for decades.

The first week: settling is normal

- Containers flex slightly as they settle onto their corners. If a door feels **stiff in the first week or two**, the fix is simple: slide a thin **wood shim under the low corner** (the corner diagonally opposite the stiff latch) until the frame squares up. Doors usually free up immediately.
- Check that all four corner castings are bearing weight. A corner hanging in the air is what twists the frame and binds the doors.

Keeping it dry inside

- **Airflow underneath:** keep the container up on its blocks or ties — never let it sit in standing water, and keep grass and brush trimmed around it so air moves and water drains away.
- **Condensation ("container rain"):** warm days and cold nights can sweat the ceiling, especially with damp contents. Leave vents unblocked, avoid storing wet gear sealed inside, and use moisture absorbers or a small vent fan if you store paper, fabric, or tools that rust.
- **Door seals:** the rubber gaskets keep it wind and water tight. Keep them clean, and never force a door against a bent seal — reseal it by hand.

Doors, hinges & locks

- A shot of **lubricant on hinges and locking-rod cams** once or twice a year keeps everything one-handed easy. Work the rods as you spray.
- If a door starts binding later, re-check level first — the ground settles over seasons, and a shim beats a sledgehammer every time.
- Use a proper container lock or lock box; keep the lock itself oiled so it doesn't become the weak point.

Outside & underneath

- **Surface rust:** on used units, a wire brush and a coat of rust-inhibiting paint on scratches and scuffs stops spread. New one-trip paint needs nothing for years.
- **Roof:** clear off leaves and standing debris a couple of times a year; don't store heavy items on the roof — it is not a deck.
- **Floor:** the marine plywood floor is tougher than anything in your house. Sweep it out; if you spill oil or chemicals, clean them up rather than letting them soak in.

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