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Overweight containers are dangerous.

Each container includes a stencil affixed to indicate the maximum weight that each container is designed to hold when it is new and in perfect condition.
Overweight containers are not limited to those containers that exceed the maximum stencil weight of the container.

A container can be overweight if it is simply not properly loaded.
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Containers are designed to carry the stencil weight listed when new and when the weight of the load is evenly spread out over the entire floor of the container.

Concentrating the weight can cause a container to be within its stencil capacity and yet still dangerously overweight.
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So, maybe it’s OK to load “just slightly” over the stencil weight.

Nothing will happen right?
Remember, the stencil weight is the weight that the container is designed for when new, in perfect condition, and when all of the weight of the load is perfectly distributed over the entire floor area of the container.
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What happens when the container is a bit older? When the load is not perfectly distributed but highly concentrated over a small area of the floor? When the load exceeds the weight carrying capacity of the specific container?
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Answer:

A potentially disastrous situation that can cause damage to property and loss of life!
Since we have all heard the very popular expression “One picture is worth a thousand words”, I will save many words herein. Please look at the following pictures.
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Any questions why overweight containers are dangerous?
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This regards simple Port only shipments. Intermodal shipments are far more restrictive. For good reason. Weight restrictions are imposed for reason of safety. Please ensure to always pay strict attention to all weight restrictions at all times!