

Important Shipping Tips You Can Use

(NAPSA)—The way shipments are packaged can determine if they arrive on time and in proper condition.

Here are some shipping tips to “wrap up” packaging provided by the experts at DHL:

Helpful Hints:

- Verify recipient’s address and ZIP code are complete, correct and legible.

- Add an extra address label inside the package. Even the stickiest labels can come off.

- If you’re shipping an item valued at more than \$100, consider Shipment Value Protection and retain receipts in order to verify your purchase price.

- Always make sure shipping boxes are in good shape.

- Remove any old address/shipping labels from your packages to prevent any confusion.

- Wrap fragile material individually, so they do not touch. Use bubble wrap and place an item in a separate box inside the packing box. Mark the outside of the box “Fragile.”

- Electronic equipment should be shipped in its original packaging, surrounded by additional cushioning materials placed inside a larger box.

Things To Avoid

- Damaged containers.
- Exceeding the weight specification of the shipment container.

- Use of wrapping paper, string and cellophane or masking tape.

- Allowing packages to get wet while awaiting pick-up.

- Including any information indicating high value of contents on the address label or outer package.

- Shipping cash or currency.

Shipping Suggestions

When shipping gifts within the U.S., select a shipping service appropriate for the gift and destination. For example, DHL offers USA Overnight, with guaranteed delivery by noon the next business day. Most deliveries arrive by 10:30 a.m.



Call ahead to find out the best way to wrap up and ship your package. There’s a lot you may have to consider.

Other options include guaranteed delivery by 3 p.m. the second business day, and guaranteed delivery within one to five business days, depending on origin and destination.

Many people also choose DHL to ship overseas, since the company pioneered the international air express business more than 30 years ago. They offer a worldwide express service for door-to-door delivery of international customs dutiable shipments, an express documents service and a heavy-weight freight service.

When shipping internationally, talk to a customer representative at 1-800-CALL-DHL to find out the best shipping option for the size and weight of your package. Ask about special shipping regulations between states and countries.

For example, playing cards can not be shipped to Spain and fresh garlic can not be sent to Argentina.

For additional information on shipping your packages, you can contact 1-800-CALL-DHL or visit the DHL Web site at <http://www.dhl.com>, where you will find lots of useful information for both domestic and international shipping.