Holiday Packing Tips

DO check with The UPS Store® experts before shipping fragile items (or items that might be considered hazardous or illegal to ship).

DO use materials the professionals use—foam packaging peanuts, bubble cushioning and packaging tape—to protect your gifts.

DO include a label on the inside of the package with both the destination and return addresses.

DO use a shipping option, like UPS®, which provides a package tracking number.

DO take batteries out of toys, electronics, etc. before shipping.

DO ship wrapped presents ahead to your destination, especially if traveling by air.

DON'T wrap boxes in brown paper or tie with string.

DON'T use materials like newspaper or real popcorn to cushion items.

DON'T use old boxes or gift boxes for shipping items.

DON'T use duct tape, masking tape or cellophane tape to seal your boxes for shipping.

DON'T ship perfume or cologne since they are considered hazardous materials.

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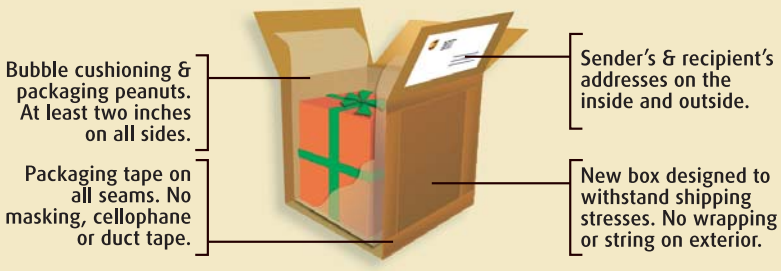
Suggestions for a well-packed box...



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Did You Know?

- This year, there are 29 shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas ... but only 20 shipping days.
- Monday is the busiest shipping day of the week.
- The busiest shipping week of the 2010 season is expected to be December 13-17.
- You can ship as late as December 23 for delivery on December 24.
- Participating The UPS Store® locations offer the Pack & Ship Promise, which will reimburse customers in the event a center-packed item shipped via UPS is lost or damaged.*
- You can recycle your leftover packaging peanuts at participating The UPS Store locations.

*Subject to certain restrictions and limitations. Details are available at **www.theupsstore.com**.

Key Dates for Holiday Shipping

Check with the experts for delivery dates if you're shipping UPS Ground service. Most ground packages require five days or less to reach their destination, but if you're shipping coast-to-coast, it may take longer.

- **Tuesday, December 21**
  Ship UPS 3-Day Select® for delivery Friday, December 24.
- **Wednesday, December 22**
  Ship UPS 2nd Day Air® for delivery Friday, December 24.
- **Thursday, December 23**
  Ship UPS Next Day Air® for delivery Friday, December 24.

If you are shipping international or to military personnel overseas, contact The UPS Store location nearest you to determine the best date to ensure on-time delivery.

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