Box & Packing Tips

Have questions about boxes and packing?
Here are some tips to give you a head start.

WHERE TO GET BOXES

Order plain or branded boxes on ShipThrifty.com. You can also get boxes online, at retail stores & USPS.com

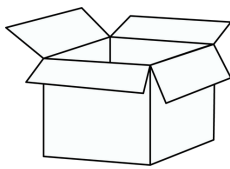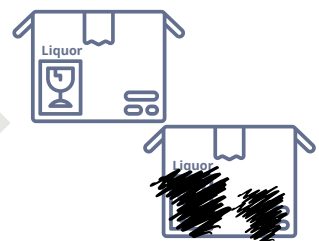Note: Carriers will not accept each other's packaging.

PLAIN/CUSTOM BOXES VS FLAT RATE

Plain boxes almost always cost less to send than the flat rate unless your box is heavy and traveling across the country. Many times using larger boxes instead of multiple smaller boxes costs less too.

YOU CAN RE-USE BOXES

Sturdy boxes can be re-used. Old logos, labels, & addresses need to be completely removed or crossed out. We don't recommend reusing boxes with liquor, wine, beer, cosmetic & cleaning supply markings even if crossed out.
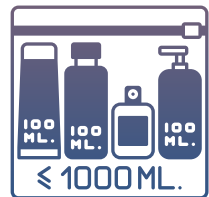
DON'T SHIP AIR

Shipping costs are determined by size and weight. You'll want to find the right size box so you aren't overstuffing or paying to ship air.

PACK LIQUIDS & POWDERS IN BAGGIES

It's good to put items that can break open or spill into a baggie to prevent other items in your package from getting ruined if they open up.

FOLLOW RULES FOR MAILING

Hazardous materials like aerosols, hand sanitizers, lithium batteries, and tobacco products require special handling if allowed. APO/FPO/DPO locations must follow domestic, international & and base-specific rules.
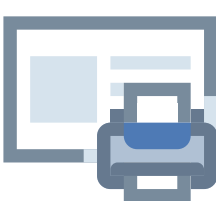
HOW TO WEIGH YOUR PACKAGE

If you don't have a postal scale you can use a bathroom scale. Step on the scale to get your weight & do it again holding the package. Use the difference between the two as the package weight. Add a couple of pounds to be safe.

PACK FRAGILE ITEMS WELL

Wrap fragile items in bubble wrap or paper to cushion them, place them in your box, and add more padding around them. USPS no longer recognizes special handling for fragile items.

DOUBLE CHECK YOUR LABEL INFO

Make sure your address is right along with your package dimension & weight. You can also use the "Check Address" feature in ShipThrifty to help reduce nonrefundable returned packages.

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