

# Box & Packing Tips

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

## WHERE TO GET BOXES

Boxes are available at most retail stores. USPS offers free boxes if you are using a USPS service.

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

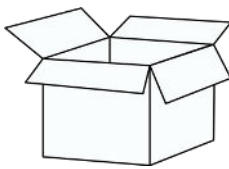
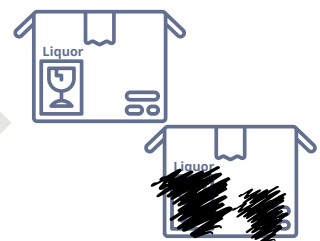


## BROWN/GENERIC BOXES VS FLAT RATE

Brown 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.

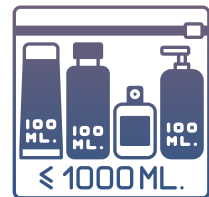


## DON'T SHIP AIR

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.



## SKIP RESTRICTED ITEMS

Some things can't be sent through the mail, like aerosols, hand sanitizers, lithium batteries, tobacco products, etc. Search shipping restrictions for the carrier you want to use to see their regulations.

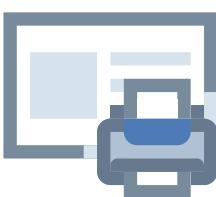
## HOW TO WEIGH YOUR PACKAGE

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 and then 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 you've typed your addresses properly & that your package dimension & weight are correct. Double checking to make sure all the information is right helps avoid packages being returned.

**YOU'VE GOT THIS!**

