



SHIP 'GREEN' THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Experts at PostNet offers tips on environmentally friendly shipping

(Between the Styrofoam packing peanuts, cardboard boxes and jet fuel, shipping your holiday gifts may seem like a pretty environmentally unfriendly process.

But PostNet, located at The Rivery Towne Center (Home Depot and WalMart), can help you stay "green," while still getting your gifts there on time and in once piece.

"We're always on the lookout for ways to be a little bit more environmentally friendly," said Micky Rogers, owner of PostNet. "For instance, our customers love that they can bring in their used packing peanuts, and we'll re-use them. No one wants to just throw them out, but they don't want them in their house, either!"

Other "green" shipping tips from PostNet:

- **Be sure to send your gifts early.** Planning ahead will assure that your gifts can be shipped ground, which is more fuel efficient than air shipping. Plus, shipping ground will help you save money, since air shipping is usually more expensive. Dec. 16 and 17 are the last days to ship ground via UPS and FedEx (see following sidebar for all holiday shipping deadlines).
- **Use the smallest box that fits your needs.** You don't want to go too small, which could lead to broken contents, but using the smallest box you can will use fewer resources and will require less packaging material. The packaging experts at PostNet can help by measuring your item and providing a custom box that's just the right size.
- **Use recycled or biodegradable packing peanuts.** PostNet accepts used packing peanuts, which means less waste. You may also want to try biodegradable peanuts, which dissolve in water and leave no chemical residue.

"At PostNet, we can make your holiday shipping worry-free and a little bit better for the planet," said Rogers.

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About PostNet

Founded in 1993, Denver-based PostNet is the largest and fastest-growing privately held company in the postal and business services industry. Locally owned and operated PostNet locations offer digital copying and printing services; binding and finishing; and digital services including graphic design and computer rental. They also offer shipping with UPS, FedEx, DHL and the U.S. Postal Service. PostNet has more than 850 locations worldwide, including more than 400 in the United States. To learn more, visit www.postnet.com.

MAKE SURE YOUR PACKAGES ARRIVE ON TIME

UPS, FedEx and USPS shipping deadlines for arrival prior to Christmas are as follows:

Dec. 11:

- USPS Parcel Post (all countries)
- USPS Priority Mail International (to Asia/Pacific Rim, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico, Europe and the Middle East)

Dec. 12:

- USPS Express Mail (to Africa and Central and South America)

Dec. 15:

- UPS Ground to Canada
- FedEx International Ground (to Canada and Puerto Rico)

Dec. 16:

- UPS Ground
- USPS Priority Mail

Dec. 17:

- FedEx Ground and Home Delivery
- USPS Express Mail International (to Asia/Pacific Rim, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico, Europe and the Middle East)

Dec. 18:

- UPS Worldwide Expedited (all countries)
- FedEx 2Day (Saturday delivery)
- DHL Worldwide Priority Express (all countries)

Dec. 19:

- UPS 3 Day Select
- UPS Worldwide Saver (all countries)
- UPS Worldwide Express (all countries)
- FedEx Express Saver

- FedEx International Economy

Dec. 20:

- FedEx 2Day (Saturday pickup)
- FedEx 2Day Express Saver (Saturday pickup)

Dec. 22:

- UPS Second Day Air
- FedEx 2Day
- USPS Express Mail Domestic (most major areas)

Dec. 23:

- UPS Next Day Air and Next Day Saver
- FedEx Priority Overnight and Standard Overnight
- FedEx International Priority

If you're shipping to military addresses, the U.S. Postal Service recommends the following deadlines for arrival prior to Christmas:

Nov. 13:

- Parcel post addressed to military APO and FPO addresses worldwide

Nov. 28:

- Shipping on military aircraft when space is available (SAM)

Dec. 4

- Military parcel airlift mail.
- First-class letters and priority mail to APO-FPO addresses with ZIP codes beginning with "093"

Dec. 11:

- First-class letters and priority mail to APO-FPO address with ZIP codes beginning with all numbers except "093"

Dec. 18:

- Global express mail