

Holiday Hints

Get In Shipshape This Holiday Season

(NAPSA)—When it comes to holiday gift giving, making a list and checking it twice can keep costs down and simplify your season.

Wherever you plan to shop, keep shipping guidelines and deadlines in mind when sending gifts to friends and loved ones.

With millions of presents and packages moving across the country every day, FedEx recommends the following tips for safe and timely delivery of your packages:

- **Send your gifts ahead.** If you are traveling this holiday season, take the hassle out of carrying wrapped packages with you by sending your gifts ahead of your arrival.

- **Ship early in the season.** This will allow you to avoid the lines and provide you with a greater selection of shipping service options.

- **Choose the right supplies.** Use new, sturdy boxes with the flaps intact and do not reuse boxes. Position at least one inch of Bubble Wrap, peanuts or other packing materials on all sides and use a heavy-duty tape designed for packaging.

- **Be smart about labeling.** Position the address label squarely on the largest surface and provide complete sender and recipient addresses, including ZIP codes and telephone numbers. Ensure that the label is properly and



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securely attached. FedEx also recommends placing a label inside the box, in case the outer label falls off.

- **Be aware of shipping deadlines.** For delivery in time for Christmas, the last day to ship with FedEx Ground is Friday, December 17 and the last day to ship with FedEx Express is Thursday, December 23.

- **Don't be afraid to ask for help.** There are more than 1,900 FedEx Office Print & Ship Center locations around the world that provide a variety of packing and shipping supplies and services.

For more tips or to create and print a shipping label, visit www.fedex.com.