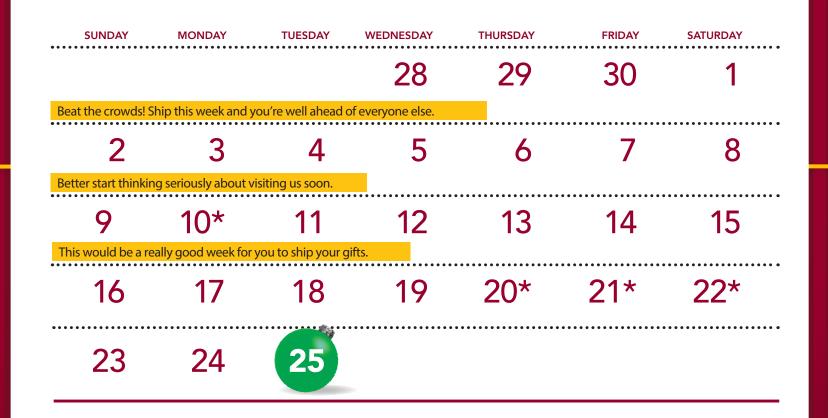


## THE 28 SHIPPING DAYS OF CHRISTMAS.

An easy guide to making sure no package is late.



### \*SHIPPING DEADLINES\*

**December 10th:** Last day to ship to military (domestic and abroad)

December 20th: Last day to ship 2 day air

**December 21st:** Last day to ship next day delivery

**December 22nd:** Last day for overnight shipping. Additional fees may apply.



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# 2012 HOLIDAY SHIPPING GUIDE

### TIPS FOR A STRESS FREE HOLIDAY SEASON

Follow our tips, and you will be sitting by a fire drinking hot chocolate with all your holiday shipping completed.

#### **10 HOLIDAY SHIPPING TIPS**

**1. Ship Early** Force yourself to forget about the procrastination you learned in school and ship your packages early. By shipping early you will save money and your loved ones will receive that perfect present on time.

2. Don't Miss the Shipping Deadlines Just don't do it. UPS does not move packages on Nov. 23, Dec. 24, and Dec. 31, however they do deliver on Dec. 24. FedEx is closed on Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1. If you have to wait till the last minute, know that every package is different, but in general, the larger the item, the longer it takes to ship and there may be additional fees.

**3. Use Proper Packaging** Use new corrugated shipping containers and, for heavier items, use double-wall boxes. If you are shipping Christmas china, you will want to double box - a box within another box with adequate cushioning.



**4. Use the Correct Street Address** This may seem obvious, but you would be surprised how many times customers have shipped a box to an old address of a loved one. Trust us, college-vagabond-nephew-Timmy wants your presents.

**5. Protect** The right protection will ensure that Buzz Lightyear will end up in perfect working condition for that special moment when the package is opened. Wrap items individually and use appropriate shipping crates, boxes, packing and cushioning materials.

6. Airtight Containers for Cookies Place cookies in an airtight container and then place cushioning around it in a cardboard box. This will help prevent your gingerbread man from going stale and showing up missing a limb or gumdrop button.



7. Include A Copy of The Address With winter weather coming, snow may cause ink to run and the address might no longer be legible. Put a copy of the ship to address inside the box. This will insure that the holiday sweater with the bells on it that you knitted will make it to its final destination.

**8. Get Delivery and Tracking Info** Get shipping and tracking information so that you can sit back, relax, and enjoy your eggnog. Contact Pak Mail to get your shipping and tracking info.

**9. Awkward Items Still Ship** Don't limit your gift buying just because you have to ship an item. Pak Mail can help you with the crating and packaging of any awkward item. We can't ship wine, so sending holidays spirits is out of the question. However, most other items can be shipped.

**10. Batteries** Boxes that move/vibrate/ buzz/shake/cry/etc on their own are highly suspicious. Don't insert batteries prior to shipping - you don't want to ruin the surprise of a new alarm clock going off before it is opened!

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