

Holiday Hints

Get In Shipping Shape

(NAPSA)—After you've said "it's a wrap" to your holiday shopping, it's time to get your gifts in shipping shape. With millions of packages moving across the country every day during the holidays, FedEx recommends the following tips for safe and timely deliveries:

- **Send your gifts ahead.** If you're traveling this holiday season, send your gifts ahead of your arrival.

- **Ship early.** This will let you 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 1 inch of bubble wrap, peanuts or other packing material 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 securely attached. You can create and print a shipping label online at fedex.com, making this project even easier.

- **Be aware of shipping deadlines.** To ensure delivery in time for Christmas, the last day to ship with FedEx Ground is Monday, Dec. 17



Your gift giving isn't wrapped up until you make sure your package arrives in time.

and the last day to ship with FedEx Express is Saturday, Dec. 22.

- **Don't be afraid to ask for help.** More than 1,800 FedEx Kinko's locations around the world provide a variety of packing and shipping supplies and services.

For more tips, shipping options and additional information, visit www.fedex.com.