

Helpful Holiday Hints

Holiday Shipping Do's And Don'ts

(NAPSA)—The holidays don't really have to be hectic days. A little planning can make a big difference when it comes to handling your holiday shipping smoothly and without stress.

Whether you plan to send a sweater to your sister Sue in Savannah or a sweet potato pie to your Uncle Pete in Pittsburgh, here are some holiday do's and don'ts from the shipping experts at DHL.

- Do ship as early as possible to get the best rate and make sure your shipment gets to its destination on time.

- Don't forget to remove old addresses and shipping labels from your packages. They only add to the confusion.

- Do make sure your packing boxes are filled to capacity with shipping materials and wrap fragile items individually in packing material, such as Bubble Wrap.

- Don't let your packages get exposed to winter weather.

- Don't ship hazardous materials, such as flammable gas or corrosive materials.

- Do choose your shipping carrier carefully. Eliminating surprises, particularly when it comes to shipping schedules and cut-off dates for sending holiday packages, can go a long way toward reducing stress.

For instance, customers who plan to use DHL to ship their holi-



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day packages already have access to a schedule that lets them know that December 22 is the cut-off date for most services that would get a package to its destination by December 25.

To make things even easier, the shipper now offers customers six ways to ship:

- Call toll free to arrange a pickup,

- Visit the company's Web site to arrange a pickup,

- Drop your packages at a service facility,

- Use a drop box,

- Bring your packages to one of the company's authorized shipping centers,

- Drop off your shipments at an OfficeMax store.

To learn more, call 1-800-CALL-DHL toll free or visit the Web site at www.dhl.com.