

Holiday Hints

How to Reduce The Shipping Hustle After The Shopping Bustle

(NAPSA)—It's one thing to get someone a great gift. It's another to get that gift to them on time—especially during this shorter-than-usual holiday season. Following these tips should make the holiday shipping rush easier for you:

- Avoid long lines by shipping Tuesday through Saturday. Mondays are often busiest, as shoppers hurry to send off their week-end purchases.

- Shop online, and have the retailer ship direct to your loved ones. More and more people are shopping online to avoid the malls during the holiday rush. But make sure you do your online or catalog shopping as early as possible; these orders may take a day or two to process before being shipped.

- Find a carrier that offers Internet shipping, which lets you select the speed of service desired, pay by credit card, and then print the proper shipping label on a regular sheet of paper from the comfort of home. Some offer other features to make holiday shipping more convenient as well. At UPS.com, for instance, once your package is sealed and labeled, you can either schedule a pickup or drop it off at a convenient shipping location.

- Whether it's you or the retailer who ships your packages, use a carrier that enables you to track your shipments on the Web, over the phone or even with your wireless device. With UPS.com, you can find out where your pack-



Turn holiday chaos into clarity with a carrier that offers various shipping options.

ages are and when they'll arrive.

- For the on-the-go consumer, there is no need to wait at home for a package delivery or risk having valuable shipments left on your doorstep. Some shippers offer the ability to reschedule the delivery, or to change the delivery address to your office, or other location.

- Take your address book shopping with you. That way, once you've completed your shopping you can go right to a retail shipping location, such as The UPS Store, where your gifts can be securely packaged and immediately sent on their way.

For more information on what a shipping company can do for you, go to www.ups.com or call 1-800-PICK-UPS.