

Holiday Shipping Deadlines

Let's get your items there on time!

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Every year I have people that come in on the 23rd of December saying that they thought they had more time to get their packages to loved ones. We can certainly still get them there, but a little planning will help deter the added cost of Next Day Air services. Who couldn't stand to save some money?!

While UPS & FedEx (and some USPS services) normally guarantee delivery days and times for their services- the holiday season is the exception to that. Shipping can increase more than 60% during this busy time! Keeping that in mind, an ideal time to ship domestically would be before the middle of December. If you're shipping internationally, you'll want to give even more time. Remember, just because it **usually** only takes two or three days to reach Aunt Edna, doesn't mean that it will take the same amount of time during the busy shipping season.

If international shipping is something that confuses you, we are happy to help ease your mind. Just bring in a list of what you're shipping and the values of each item and we can print out your custom forms for you, when you ship with us. If you're not shipping with us, we can answer your questions and give you the forms you'll need.

It's always a good idea to put addresses on the inside of the package as well as the outside. You never know what could happen on the way to its destination – but if a label becomes unreadable- you're covered!

Don't forget that Mail Copy plus offers the new FedEx Flat Rate service. Call or come in to see if we can save you time and money on your shipping!

Here are shipping deadlines straight from the carriers:



Domestic cut off dates

Standard Post – Dec 14

First Class & Priority – Dec 19

Express Dec 22

International cut off dates

Central & South America and Africa Dec 1 - 1st class & Priority * Dec 11 Express

Asia, Australia, Canada, Mexico, Europe & Middle East Dec 8 - 1st class & Priority * Dec 13 Express

APO/FPO/DPO Military Addresses (depending on zip code)

Standard Nov 7 * 1st class & Priority Dec 2 – 9 * Express Dec 16



UPS

Domestic cut off dates

Ground - Dec 17 (to the East Coast)

2nd Day Air - Dec 22nd

Next Day Air - Dec 23rd (*to get the Christmas Eve – Dec 24th!*)



FedEx

Ground – Dec 17th (to the East Coast)

2 Day – Dec 22nd

Overnight Service – Dec 23rd

I tell my customers that these are really just guidelines and shipping early is always a good idea. Friends and family in Arizona will give you a few extra days, but those of you that are shipping farther away – the sooner, the better!

From our house to yours – Merry Christmas and we hope you have a fantastic New Year!