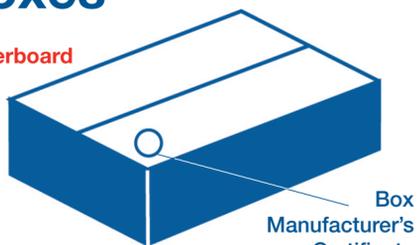


# Packaging Pointers

Content	Containers	Cushioning	Closure
<b>Small Odd Shapes</b> 	Padded envelopes or small cardboard boxes	Padding like cotton, newspaper, foam, or plastic bubble sheets to prevent shifting	Adhesive flaps, staples, or packaging tape
<b>Awkward Shapes</b> 	Fiberboard boxes or tubes (tube ends should equal side wall strength), with length not more than 10 times girth	Preformed fiberboard or foamed plastic shapes to brace item and support container's surface	Packaging tape (or glue for tube ends)
<b>Fragile Items</b> 	Fiberboard boxes (at least 175 box grade)	Foamed plastic or padding to distribute shocks and separate item from container surfaces	Packaging tape (used also to reinforce edges)
<b>Shifting Items</b> 	Fiberboard boxes (at least 175 box grade, holding up to 20 pounds)	Interior fiberboard separators or tape reinforcement to prevent shifting	Packaging tape (used also to reinforce edges)
<b>Soft Goods</b> 	Self-supporting boxes or tear-resistant bags	None necessary	Packaging tape or self-sealing bag
<b>Liquids</b> 	Leakproof interior containers packed within durable outer containers	Between interior and outer containers, absorbent wrapping materials to soak up spills and prevent shifting	Packaging tape
<b>Powders</b> 	Sift-proof interior containers packed within durable sift-proof outer containers	None necessary	Packaging tape
<b>Perishables</b> 	Odor-proof containers	Absorbent wrapping materials to soak up liquids and prevent shifting	Packaging tape
<b>High-Density Loads</b> 	Fiberboard boxes (at least 175 box grade, holding up to 20 pounds)	Fiberboard pads for blocking and bracing to prevent shifting	Packaging tape (used also to reinforce edges)

## Boxes

### Fiberboard

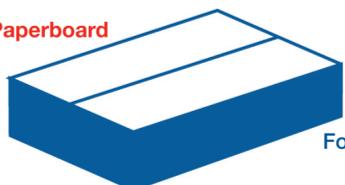


Box Manufacturer's Certificate

### Max. Weight (lb) Box Grade

20	125
40	175
70	275

### Paperboard



For up to 10 pounds

## Padding

Wrap each item with enough padding to keep the item from being damaged by shocks and vibrations



Separate the wrapped items from the container with more padding

The padding should be uniform so that it distributes physical forces evenly

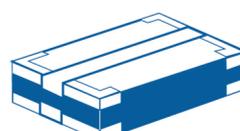
## Tapes



**Packaging tape** (2-inch minimum width) helps to prevent accidental opening



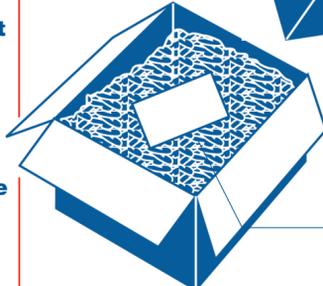
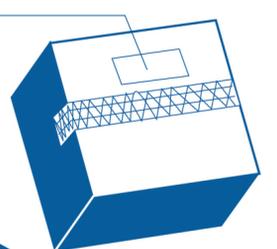
**Reinforced kraft paper tape** is a good second choice



**Kraft paper tape** works for lighter loads (3 pounds or less)

## Addresses

Address labels must be readable from 30 inches away, must not be easily smeared or washed off by water, and should contain a ZIP Code



It's a good idea to enclose your return address and a list of the contents in case the package opens while in transit