

# UNDERSTANDING FREIGHT SHIPMENTS



# PLEASE FORWARD TO THE PERSON WHO WILL RECEIVE THE SHIPMENT



## If your shipment is UPS package service:

What to	After shipping, you should receive an email from freight@blusource.com
Expect	containing your UPS package tracking number.
	o Track the number (i.e. 1Z39W45Wxxxxxxxxx) on UPS.com to see when it
	· <u> </u>
	is scheduled to arrive and how many packages are in the shipment
	BLUSOURCE
	1 of 11 Piece Shipment
	Tomorrow, May 10 between 10:00 A.M 12:00 P.M. ①
	No appointment
	No signature required – unless using expedited delivery
Delivery Options	<ul> <li>UPS Ground – Tracking number will indicate estimated delivery date (not</li> </ul>
	guaranteed). UPS.com indicates that the carrier may deliver anytime between
	9am-7pm for residences, and by close of business for commercial addresses.
	<ul> <li>Saturday delivery – Not always available and should not be expected</li> </ul>
At Time of	Ensure total number of packages delivered matches the number of packages in
Delivery	the shipment
	Check all packages for damage to boxes
	<ul> <li>Look for any packages that may have had boxes replaced in transit (indicating</li> </ul>
	the possibility of damage, then repackaging of products in transit)
	Check inventory as soon as possible
	<ul> <li>Find packing list inside pouch attached to package</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Check contents of each package to find all products</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>If boxes/products are missing or damaged</li> </ul>
	<ol> <li>Take pictures of damaged packages/products, including lot</li> </ol>
	numbers and expiration dates, if applicable.
	Inform your account manager as soon as possible via phone or
	email, call 800-460-5355, or email info@blusource.com to report
	the situation and find a solution.
	3. Visit https://bluschoolsupplies.com/pages/what-is-your-return-
	policy to submit a claim.
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### If your shipment is on pallets (LTL or Truckload):

#### What to Expect

- After shipping, you should receive an email from <u>freight@blusource.com</u> including shipping PRO number.
  - Track the PRO number (<u>i.e.</u> 09343xxxx) on TForceFreight.com to see when it is scheduled to arrive and how many pallets are in the shipment



- No appointment unless requested
- No lift gate unless requested (add'l charge)
- No inside delivery unless requested (add'l charge)
- No pallet removal

#### At Time of Delivery

- Ensure total number of pallets delivered matches the number of pallets on the shipment's bill of lading (BOL) – The delivery driver should have a copy.
- Check all pallets for damages
  - o Is the pallet's shrink wrap secure?
  - Are any boxes damaged or missing?
- If all is good, then sign and accept delivery.
- If there are any noticeable damages
  - Make a note on Delivery Receipt of Bill of Lading before signing receipt (<u>i.e.</u> "Broken seal – shrink wrap is not intact", or "Received damaged.")
  - Take pictures of damaged pallets/packages.
- · Check inventory as soon as possible
  - Find packing list inside envelope attached to pallet



- Count boxes and check contents
- If products are missing or damaged
  - Take pictures of damaged packages/products, including lot numbers and expiration dates, if applicable.
  - Inform your account manager as soon as possible via phone or email, call 800-460-5355, or email <u>info@blusource.com</u> to report the situation and find a solution.
  - Visit <a href="https://bluschoolsupplies.com/pages/what-is-your-return-policy">https://bluschoolsupplies.com/pages/what-is-your-return-policy</a> to submit a claim.

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# **Q&A**

#### Q: What is a lift gate, and why do I need one?

A: A lift gate is a device on some delivery vehicles that lowers pallets from the truck down to street level. Delivery with a lift gate has an additional cost, but it's necessary if your products are on pallets and your delivery location does not have a standard raised loading dock. The pallet(s) will be lowered to street level and left in the parking/loading area for you to break down and move inside box-by-box.

#### Q: What is inside delivery?

A: Inside delivery is a service available for an additional fee that employs the delivery driver to help bring the pallet(s) inside your facility. If your delivery needs a lift gate and you need the pallet(s) moved inside your facility, then you'll need inside delivery.

\*\*\*NOTE: Inside delivery requires 44" or wider doorways/walkways/ramps and a smooth surface such as concrete from the truck to the inside location. Freight elevators are required to reach upper floors.\*\*\*

#### Q: What is white glove service?

A: White glove is a specialty service available for an additional fee that employs the delivery driver to help bring the pallet(s) inside if your facility's specifications do not meet the requirements for inside delivery. A special custom freight quote is required for this service.

#### Q: Do I have a standard raised loading dock?

