

# Mass Release General Instructions

Please read the following instructions prior to transferring the butterflies out of their special packages into a mass release box or cage. When the transfer time comes, please proceed to the step-by-step instructions on the other side of this sheet. This instruction sheet is designed to supplement (not replace) the existing instruction sheet for butterfly storage. Transferring into the box or cage is very simple and should not take much time.

The day before your event you will receive the butterflies in special glassine envelopes which will arrive in a protective shipping container with ice packs that can be refrozen, if necessary.

Keep them indoors at room temperature (approx. 68° to 74° F) and place in an area where the butterflies will be undisturbed. You may even place the mass release box (with the butterflies in them) inside of a cooler or the cooled shipping container. Give them at least 20 minutes to warm up in order to be active enough to fly away quickly.

**NOTE:** Do not leave your butterflies in direct sunlight or prolonged exposure to high heat such as a parked car or a hot patio for more than 15 minutes. Outside in the shade on a hot day is fine for a short period of time.

*Traveling?* If you are traveling with the butterflies, keep them in their original packaging and shipping container to transport them (the way they were delivered to you). Once you are at a place where you won't need to move the butterflies around as much, it is fine to transfer them.

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**DO NOT PUT THE BUTTERFLIES IN THE FREEZER**

**DO NOT STORE IN THE REFRIGERATOR FOR MORE THAN 30 MINUTES**

**DO NOT APPLY DIRECT HEAT**

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Please see the regular instruction sheet for tips on how to store and release the butterflies.

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