

# SHIPPING VS. MATERIAL HANDLING

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## What is shipping?

Shipping is the process of a carrier picking up items from your office or any place of origin and transporting it to the dock of either the advance warehouse or event facility. Shipping is separate from Material Handling. Exhibitors may use any carrier they want, including Shepard Logistics.



## What is material handling?

Material Handling is the process of receiving a shipment from your carrier and managing on-site handling of the shipment through the event cycle. It is a standard event procedure with associated costs typically based on shipment weight.

## Material Handling Process:

- Unloading freight from your carrier once it arrives at the receiving dock.
- Transporting freight from dock to your booth space.
- Removing empty shipping containers (boxes, crates and pallets) from your booth.
- Temporarily storing your empty shipping containers during the show.
- Returning empty shipping containers to your booth at the close of event.
- Transferring your freight back to the loading dock.
- Loading your freight into your carrier's delivery vehicle for return shipping.

## One easy way to keep charges low?

**Consolidate.** Whether you ship to the advance warehouse or directly to show site, it is in your best interest to consolidate your shipment as much as possible. Each shipment that arrives separately is assessed the minimum charge.

So, keep your charges low by skidding items so that they are sure to arrive together.

# ALL INCLUSIVE MATERIAL HANDLING

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## Special Handling Definitions

**This is included in your per pound rate.**

**Shipments received that are packed in a manner as to require additional handling/labor are deemed special handling.** Examples of shipments falling into this category would be constricted space unloading, ground unloading, stacked shipments, designated piece unloading, shipment integrity, mixed shipments, no bill of lading or documentation, carpet/pad only shipments.

### Constricted Space

Freight packed in trailer to full capacity. Shipments are not easily accessible because trailer is loaded by cubic space, or top to bottom and side to side.

### Stacked Shipments

Shipments with multiple pieces stacked on top of one another throughout the majority of the truck or trailer requiring unstacking during the unloading process.

### Mixed Shipments

Mixed shipments are shipments that contain a mixture of uncrated and crated materials, and the uncrated portion is minimal deeming the shipment special handling but not uncrated. But in cases where greater than 50% of the load by volume is uncrated the load will be categorized as uncrated.

### Shipment Integrity

Shipments loaded on a carrier in a manner requiring separating or sorting to reestablish the integrity of each shipment.

### Carpet/Pad Only

Carpet and/or pad only shipments are time and labor intensive, and require additional manpower and tools (e.g. carpet poles, flatbed carts or scooters, dollies).

### No Documentation

Shipments received from small package carriers (including, among others, Fed Ex, UPS, & DHL) that are delivered without documentation or bills of lading that require additional sorting, processing, and tools for delivery.

### Designated Piece Unloading

Shipments loaded in such a manner that require the unloading/loading crew to be directed by driver remove items in a particular order, or unloading and reloading items to reach certain pieces behind others remaining on the trailer.

### Padded Van Deliveries

This applies to van line carriers that transport freight at cubic displacement rates, operate a non-standard dock height equipment, require freight on the truck to be unloaded in a specific order or orientation, or require that freight on the truck be moved to unload the actual delivery.

### Disposal Fee

A disposal fee & minimum 1 hr. labor will be charged for all booth materials (booth displays, flooring, etc.) that are left unclaimed after show move out.

### Overtime/Double-time

**This is included in your per pound rate.**

**SURCHARGE: Overtime: 30% • Double Time: 50%** Shipments that are moved and/or handled on overtime and/or double time hours will incur a surcharge based on the handling times noted on the receiving/shipping documents. Drivers picking up outbound shipments will be sequenced for loading ONLY after a bill of lading is submitted to the Shepard Service Desk AND the driver has checked in.

### Warehouse Overtime/Double-time

**This is included in your per pound rate.**

**SURCHARGE: Overtime: 30% • Double Time: 50%** Advanced shipments may be received during straight time hours at the warehouse location, however an overtime/double time surcharge may be applied to an advanced warehouse shipment due to required delivery schedule based on show move-in and move out hours beyond our control. This would also be true if freight was received after hours at the warehouse trapping facility.

### Early/Late Shipments to the Warehouse

**SURCHARGE: 25% • 35003**

A surcharge will apply to shipments not arriving within the published dates (refer to Show Information page for dates) for advance warehouse or arriving on show site after show opening. Any shipment arriving to show site after show open will be charged a surcharge.

### Uncrated Shipments

**This is included in your per pound rate.**

#### Rate as shown on Material Handling Rate Form

An additional charge of 50% (or as stated on Material Handling Authorization page) of the applicable material handling charge at the time of delivery shall be charged for all loose, uncrated, or unprotected shipments received at the show site docks. The charge is a one-time charge that includes both move-in and move out of the show, and is based on the weight of the shipment handled.

### Off-Target Deliveries

**SURCHARGE: 15% • 35004**

For targeted shows (exhibitors who received/requested a Targeted Date/Time), a surcharge will apply if shipment is not delivered (or carrier has not checked in) during assigned target date/time.

### Marshaling Yard

**This is included in your per pound rate.**

**FEE: \$30 per Shipment • 35250**

Where Shepard Exposition Services as the show contractor must lease space for Marshaling Yard operations because no space is provided by the facility, Shepard may charge a one time fee per shipment processed inbound and/or outbound through the Marshaling Yard.

### Reweigh of Shipments

**This is included in your per pound rate.**

**FEE: \$25.00 per forklift load • 35282**

An additional charge per forklift load will be applied to shipments that have to be reweighed at the dock due to the lack of a certified weight ticket, or an incorrect or understated weight on a delivery document.

### Empty Crate Storage

**FEE: \$25.00 per piece • 35105**

A charge per crate, carton or skid applies when Shepard handles the storage and return of empties from a shipment not received by Shepard and therefore not subject to material handling charges.

### Envelope Deliveries

**FEE: \$10.50 per envelope • 35007**

During show hours at the show facility, a charge will apply to receiving and delivering envelope packages to your booth.

### Priority Empty Labels

**FEE: \$75.00 per label • 35064**

Limited quantities available on a per event basis.

### Mobile Spotting

**FEE: \$200 per round trip**

All vehicles must be escorted in and out of building by Shepard personnel.

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**What is the definition of "freight"?** Any exhibit materials shipped or delivered to the advance warehouse or show facility via shipping carrier, POV, or delivery truck.

**What is the difference between material handling and shipping?** Shipping is the process of transporting your shipment from its origin to its final destination. Material handling begins at the time your shipment arrives to the docks (please refer to "What is material handling?" for the full definition.) These are 2 different items and are billed differently.

**Do I need to order a forklift to unload or reload my freight?** No, please do not order a forklift for unloading/reloading of your materials.

**What does CWT mean?** CWT is an acronym for Century Weight.

**What determines how much I'm charged?** Charges are based on certified inbound weight ticket included with your shipment as well as the type of service required.

**How do I calculate material handling charges?** Material handling, whether used completely or in part are offered as a round trip service. When recording weight, round up to the next 100 lbs. EXAMPLE: 285 lbs. = 300 lbs./100 lbs. = 3 X RATE = \$ Amount or minimum charge, whichever is greater.

**Will there be any additional charges?** Additional charges may apply. Please review the Material Handling Authorization and Material Handling Additional Services forms included in the manual for all applicable fees.

**What are Light Weight shipments?** All shipments regardless of carrier that weigh 40 pounds or less. Shipments need to have certified weight tickets or other verifiable weight noted upon delivery. Shipments without certified weight tickets may be subject to special handling or reweigh fees. Packages that arrive separately at different times or days will be billed separately.

All shipments, regardless of carrier, weighing 41 lbs. and up will be billed using the standard material handling rates listed in the kit and billed at a 200 lb. minimum.

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If you are NOT using the designated show carrier, you must call your carrier with pick-up information. If your carrier fails to pick up your shipment, Shepard Logistics will either reroute your freight through the carrier of our choice or return to the local warehouse (whichever is indicated on your MHA).

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