



Preparing **DONATIONS** for shipping

You have worked hard, and you have collected a lot of donated supplies to distribute to the disaster victims who need it.

Now comes the next step...

Preparing it all for shipping to location for distribution.
Just stack it up on a pallet, right?

NOT SO FAST...

There are a few rules and regulations that truckers have to follow to ensure public safety and the safety of your shipment.

So, here are a few tips to be certain your shipment is accepted.



Cleaning supplies and **ANY KIND of CHEMICAL** cannot go onto the same pallet as food, they also can not be on the pallet **NEXT** to food, you will have to find a way to separate them.



Most refrigerated trucks won't haul **ANY** chemical inside the trailers. These are usually "food grade" trailers and cannot be used for anything but food.



Have a packing list or manifest for each pallet. It will provide a detailed accounting of items and count for inventory purposes.



USE SHRINK WRAP ON PALLETS. There is nothing worse for a driver than to open the back doors and see donations scattered on the floor.

THINK ABOUT THE DRIVER:



Can the driver make turns to get to your location?



Can the driver get in and out safely?



Do you have the delivery location set up and a contact there?



If in a disaster zone, do you know the cleared route?

These are just a few tips to make your donation shipment move easier and faster.

Following these few key points will help you and your logistics team work faster and safer.