

What is material handling?

Material Handling is the unloading of your exhibit materials, delivery to your booth, handling of empty containers to and from storage, and removal of your materials from your booth for reloading onto your outbound carrier. This is not to be confused with the cost to transport your exhibit material to and from the event.

What types of material handling do you offer?

Depending on the show and facility, we can provide:

Advanced Show Storage

(you schedule your carrier to ship to our warehouse ahead of time and we bring your shipment to showsite and deliver it to your booth prior to your arrival)

Direct to Showsite

(you schedule your carrier to deliver directly to the showsite and we handle the unloading of your carrier and deliver your shipment to your booth)

Post Show Storage

(we bring your shipment from showsite back to our warehouse where you can schedule your carrier to come pick it up)

Advanced Show Storage

Benefits of Advance Shipping to the GES Warehouse

- Storage of materials for up to 30 days prior to your show.
- Delivery of shipments to your booth by 8:00 AM on your first day of move-in (schedule permitting).
- Some convention centres and hotels do not have facilities for receiving or storing freight.
- Saves valuable set-up time.

How to ship in Advance to the GES Warehouse

- Contact your shipper of choice to schedule the shipment.
- Complete the Advanced show storage material handling order form.
- Remove all old shipping and empty storage labels.
- Fill out and attach enclosed Advance Shipping Labels.
- All shipments must have a bill of lading or delivery slip showing the number of pieces, weight, and type of merchandise.
- Take the time to ensure that your display and products are packed neatly and securely.
- Do not ship uncrated materials to the warehouse.

Direct to Showsite Shipping

How to Ship to Exhibit Site

- Consign all shipments c/o GES.
- Remove all old shipping and empty storage labels.
- Fill out and attach enclosed Direct Shipping labels.
- All shipments must have a bill of lading or delivery slip showing the number of pieces, weight, and type of merchandise.
- Take the time to ensure that your display and products are packed neatly and securely.
- If you are shipping your carpet and/or lighting trusses, make sure it is loaded last so it can be unloaded first.

Post Show Storage

Benefits of Post Show Shipping to the GES Warehouse

- Storage of materials for up to 3 business days after show close date.
- Scheduling carriers to pick up on a weekend or late night show tear out can be difficult.
- Some convention centres and hotels do not have facilities for storing freight if it can't be picked up that night.
- Peace of mind knowing your shipment has been collected.
- Avoid forced freight charges.

Freight Carriers

Select a carrier with experience in handling exhibition materials. Make sure to give your carrier explicit information as to where and when to check-in. Delivery and pick up times are often out of the range of "normal" deliver hours, make sure your carrier is committed to meeting your target dates and times. While making shipping plans to the Show, also plan for the return shipment.

Tracking Shipments

Confirm your delivery date and time with your carrier, and have all pertinent shipping information in the hands of your representative at showsite. You may also want to review the return of your goods prior to end of the show.

Estimating Material Handling Charges

Handling charges are based on the weight of the freight. Shipments are billed by the hundred weight and rounded up to the nearest hundred. Minimum per shipment may apply, see enclosed Material Handling Order Form for details. Please prepay all shipping charges - GES cannot accept or be responsible for collect shipments. Crated and uncrated shipments must be separated and clearly identified on your bill of lading.

- **Crated** - Material that is skidded, or is any type of shipping container that can be unloaded at the dock with no additional handling required.
- **Uncrated** - Material that is shipped loose or pad-wrapped, and/or unskidded machinery without proper lifting bars or hooks.
- **Special Handling** - Defined as shipments that are loaded by cubic space and/or packed in such a manner as to require special handling, such as ground loading, side door loading, constricted space loading, and designated piece loading or stacked shipments. Also included are mixed shipments and shipments without proper delivery receipts.
- **Overtime Surcharges** - Shows that move-in or move-out on weekends or late in the day may be subject to overtime surcharges. See enclosed Material Handling Order Form for details.
- **Late Surcharges** - A surcharge may apply if advance freight is received after the published deadline date for shipments to arrive at the warehouse. See enclosed Material Handling Order Form for details.

Storing Empty Containers

Properly labeled empty shipping cartons will be picked up, stored and returned after the show. Labels are available at the **GES Service centre** or from your GES Service Executive and are for empty storage only. Depending on the size of the show, it can take from one (1) to four (4) hours to return empty crates. Do not store any items in crates marked empty.

Outgoing Shipments

An OMHF (Outbound Material Handling Form / Bill of Lading) must accompany all outgoing shipments. Shipping information, outbound forms and labels will be available at the **GES Service centre**. Exhibitors selecting non-official carriers will need to make their own arrangements for pickup. Make sure that someone from your company will be on-site to oversee the outbound shipment of your display and product.

Machinery Labour and Equipment

Labour and equipment for uncrating, unskidding, positioning, leveling, dismantling, rekrating, and reskidding machinery and/or equipment must be ordered separately. Place your order for this using the In-Booth Forklift and Labour Order Form. If your material requires specialized rigging equipment, please notify us promptly so that we can make arrangements. When possible supply your own rigging equipment with shipments and pre-rig your material.

Insurance

All of your goods should be insured by your own insurance policy. Although we do our best to handle your goods as our own, there are many variables in shipping and handling that can affect your exhibit and products. GES has published GES Terms & Conditions of Contract that are in your exhibitor service manual. Please read them carefully. It is recommended that your goods be insured.

Customs & Brokerage Fees

GES is not responsible for the brokerage fees, duty or GST resulting from exhibitor materials entering Canada from another country. GES is not responsible for any delays in delivery of exhibitor materials to show site or the advance warehouse due to Canada Customs inspections or delays resulting from insufficient or improper documentation for shipments entering Canada from another country.