Holiday Packages, Porch Pirates & Cardboard

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The holidays bring lots of deliveries, along with lost packages, porch thieves, and overflowing bins. Three habits help: **a full address, a safe drop-off, and flattened boxes.**

1. Help Your Packages Find You

Some address numbers are shared between Maple Ave and Nadine Circle, so drivers get lost. **Always include your Access # and Building #:**

> Your Name
> XXXXX Nadine Circle (A or B)
> Access # – Bldg. # XXX
> Torrance, CA 90505

Update your saved address with Amazon, other stores, and your pharmacy. Not sure of your Access #? Ask your Area Captain or use the Map Locator app.

2. Don't Feed the Porch Pirates

- **Bring packages in quickly,** never overnight. Turn on delivery alerts.
- **Away?** Ask a trusted neighbor, or ship to an Amazon Locker or “Hold at Location.”
- **Ask for a signature** on medicine and valuables.
- **Never let a delivery person into your condo.**
- **Ignore “missed package” texts.** Check the store’s own app instead.

3. Break Down Those Boxes!

Every December our blue and regular bins overflow with cardboard. **Please flatten every box.**

- **Peel off or black out** the label with your name and address.
- **Bin full?** Keep boxes inside until the next pickup (Mon. or Thu.). Don’t stack them beside the bin.
- **Air pillows and foam** go in the regular trash, not the blue bin.

- **Big TV box?** Break it down so it doesn't advertise what's inside.
- **Remind anyone who takes out your trash** to flatten boxes too.

See Something? Say Something.

Stolen package or suspicious person? Call **Torrance Police non-emergency, 310-328-3456** (emergency: **911**). Then tell your Area Captain or **NHSBWatch@gmail.com**. Save any doorbell video.

Wishing you a safe and merry holiday season!

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