

Stacking Freight on Outbound Trailers - visual

Maximum use of trailer capacity is a critical factor in the profitability of the loads we are pulling down the road. In order to maximize capacity, freight must be stacked. Knowing how and what to stack is very important.

Basic rules of Stacking Freight

- LIGHT on TOP, HEAVY on BOTTOM
- USE PLENTY OF DUNNAGE to protect loaded shipments
- Make LEVEL stacking surfaces by using dunnage
- Remember: NOT ALL FLAT SURFACES ARE GOOD TO STACK ON. Know what you are planning to stack on.
- Use LOGISTICS BEAMS, LOAD BARS & STRAPS when necessary
- Watch for SIGNS on freight ("Do Not Stack", "Fragile", Directional Arrows, etc.). **Follow these "Signs"**
- TOP FREIGHT – Loose boxes are to be loaded flaps UP and labels towards REAR of trailer.
- Do Not load chemicals on top of other freight.
- SECURE/BLOCK/BRACE - ALL STACKED or TOP LOADED FREIGHT



Bad Stacking: Nothing Secured



Good Stacking:
High & Tight - Heavy on bottom, light on top