

Produce Shipments

Inbound Pallet Loads for Produce and Reusable Plastic Containers (RPCs)

- Stack RPCs by layer on a 48" x 40" Grade A pallet.
- Ensure all RPCs interlock for a more secure pallet.
- Cross-stack when applicable for greater pallet stability.
- Cases are **required** to withstand clamping equipment.
- Secure pallet using corner boards, plastic bands, and stretch wrap. Product that **requires** unrestricted airflow is **required** to be secured to the pallet with ventilated stretch wrap.
- Gluing, taping, or any other method of fastening the corner boards to the pallet and/or cases is **NOT ALLOWED**.

- Metal bands and clip seals are **NOT ALLOWED**.
- All RPCs on a single pallet are **required** to be the same size. Multiple-sized RPCs on a pallet are **NOT ALLOWED**.
- Straps are **required** to run horizontally and be placed at the base, middle, and top of the pallet.
- Shipments may be refused or rejected if not properly secured on the pallet. Less than layer case quantities are **required** to be secured to the pallet.
- Produce pallets should be trailer loaded in a pinwheel pattern to reduce trailer air space and prevent shifting.
- Single pallet positions should be loaded to one side of the trailer and secured with airbags or load locks.
- Netting and twine for pallet containment are **NOT ALLOWED**.

Fiber Corner Boards

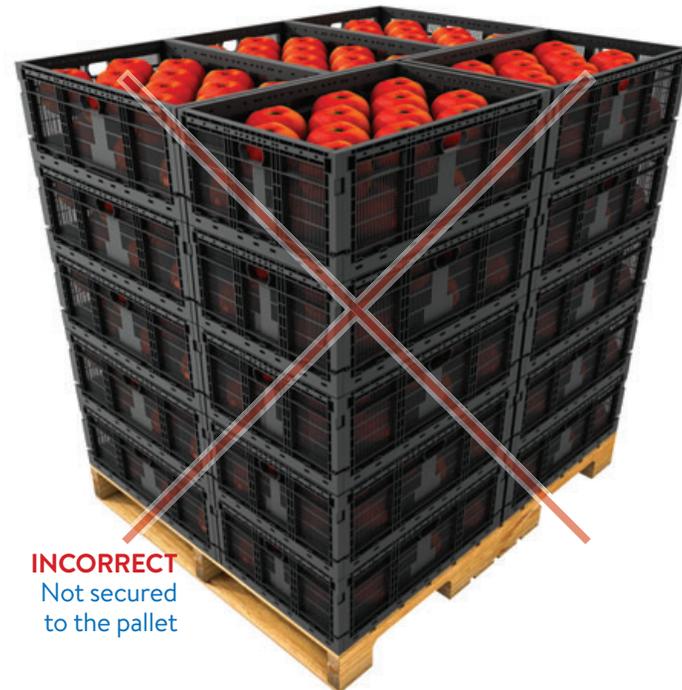
In order to increase recyclability, we strongly encourage the use of corner boards made of 100% plastic or 100% fiber. Mixed material corner boards such as composite or those with a metal or plastic interior and fiber exterior cannot be recycled from our DCs and stores.

- See the Unitized Shipments section of the standards guidelines for corner board requirements.

Suppliers are responsible for ensuring the length, width, and thickness of corner boards are adequate to properly protect and support the product.



CORRECT
Uses corner boards,
plastic bands, and
stretch wrap



INCORRECT
Not secured
to the pallet

NOTE - Loose film, fiber, or other loose materials are NOT ALLOWED in any open top cartons or containers. All loose material must be removed. All plastic coverings and plastic inner pack bags are NOT ALLOWED to exceed the height of the case.