



Cereplast Smart Care and Handling Checklist

Shipping and Handling Recommendations

Like many packaging materials, exposure to high temperatures can affect the performance and appearance of PLA-based packaging. Here's our suggested checklist for best results, which you may find useful in addition to your own best practices.

Keep Out of Direct Sunlight

- Label boxes as sun sensitive
- Schedule "just-in-time" delivery for in-field packing of fruits and vegetables

Avoid High Temperatures

- Label boxes as temperature sensitive
- Specify routes, shipment times and delivery dates to transport during the coolest part of the day if at all possible
- Choose protective blankets or well vented trucks. If you know there will be prolonged exposure to heat conditions above 120 degrees you might want to consider using refrigerated trucks during shipping for extreme conditions
- Store under 120°F/48°C

Keep it Cool. Store on a Lower Rack.

- Store in cooler parts of your warehouse. Do not store on the higher shelves
- Open shipping container as soon as possible upon arrival
- Do not store near skylights or heaters
- Avoid storage under metal roofs with limited air flow

Handle with Care

- Don't leave shipments loaded for extended periods of time
- Choose the right truck or shipping accessory such as insulated shipping blankets
- Load and ship during cooler times of the day when possible
- Move shipment indoors upon receipt
- Ship and store in white corrugated shipping boxes and do NOT use Shrink wrap. Use banding for pallets.

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