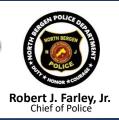


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Tips to Prevent Package Theft

Protection in Practice: Prevent Package Theft

1. Use secure delivery options

- ✓ Install a parcel lockbox or choose delivery to Amazon Hub, UPS Access Point, or a local store.
- ✓ This keeps packages off your porch entirely or locked until you pick them up.

2. Give clear delivery instructions

- ✓ Ask drivers to leave packages in less visible spots (behind a planter, side gate, or back porch).
- ✓ Add notes like "**Do not leave in plain sight**," and schedule deliveries when you are home.

3. Use delivery management tools

- Services like UPS My Choice or USPS Informed
 Delivery send real-time alerts, allow
 rescheduling, and let you hold packages when
 you're away.
- ✓ Amazon also provides specific drop-off instructions and photo delivery confirmation.

4. Coordinate with neighbors

- ✓ Set up a **text group** so neighbors can grab each other's packages when someone isn't home.
- ✓ Works especially well in townhomes, apartments, or close-knit blocks.

5. Reduce porch visibility

- ✓ Keep the porch clean and open—trim shrubs or items that hide packages.
- ✓ Add a discreet package shelf or box visible to drivers but hidden from the street.

If you suspect your package was stolen, first confirm delivery details, check with neighbors, and report suspicious activity or thefts to the North Bergen Police Department (201) 392-2100

6. Use Smart Home Tech

- ✓ Use video doorbells to increase visibility and capture footage:
- Examples: Ring Video Doorbell, Google Nest Doorbell, Arlo Essential Video Doorbell, Eufy Video Doorbell (no monthly fees).
- ✓ Pair them with **motion-activated lights** to make would-be thieves highly visible.
- ✓ Consider smart locks or garage access systems for secure in-home/garage drop-offs with compatible delivery services.
- ✓ Add clear signage such as:
 - "Video Recording in Progress"
 - "Property Under Camera Surveillance"
 - "All Activity Monitored"
 - "Packages Secured—No Deliveries Left Here"

Simple signs can significantly reduce opportunistic theft by making thieves think they're being watched.

7. Use Signature-Required for valuables

✓ For expensive items, request "Signature Required", "Adult Signature Required," or "Hold at Location," so nothing is left unattended.



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