

5 Ways to Check If Your Shipping Partner is Saving You Money

Hundreds of 3PLs have popped up in the past 10–15 years, and they might not be doing all the things that you're assuming they do. **Take a look at these 5 ways to check if your shipping partner is saving you money.**

> Are they auditing the bills prior to billing you?

Carriers are getting more creative about adding charges for services you didn't request. Lift gates, small time windows, and other unnecessary additions to your bill can add up over time.

> Are they making sure the freight is properly classified according to the NMFC?

Your shipping partner should be a member of the NMFC and stay informed with weekly updates on class changes. Don't overpay for the incorrect classification!

> Are they making sure the shipment is properly insured?

Some carriers charge excessively for their insurance, and the charge is often automatically applied if there is an insurance amount on the bill of landing – even if you didn't request it.

> Are they calling origin and destination to confirm their shipping environment?

Failing to verify the proper shipping contact, the dock hours, forgetting to ask if the location is tractor trailer accessible, and parking issues could all cause additional fees or delay your shipment.

> Are they calling to verify that the equipment is properly packaged for the service you are requesting?

The easiest way to fracture a profitable sale is a damaged product. Many claims are avoided by simply educating origins on how to properly package the item.

**Set yourself up
for success.**

Your shipping partner should be keeping your hard earned pennies in your pocket.

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