



RESIDENTIAL PACKAGE THEFT-PREVENTION

In recent years, package delivery in residential communities has increased. Package delivery is affordable, convenient and allows us the opportunity to use our time, traditionally devoted to shopping, differently. However, with these perks comes the potential for theft. Often times, thieves follow delivery trucks in residential neighborhoods where they watch the delivery driver drop off packages at houses. Thieves also drive through residential neighborhoods looking for an opportunity to commit package theft. Often times, packages are left at the front door of the residence, visible to the street and the resident is not home. There are methods to reduce the risk of package theft, including:

- Use Package Tracking. Knowing when your package arrives, allows you to arrange for pick-up by a family member, friend or neighbor. If you are at home or away, you can be notified of the package arrival.
- Arrange for the package to be delivered at work or another location where someone can receive the package.
- Install a residential security system. These systems provide outdoor and indoor security. Your existing system may need to be updated or enhanced.
- Install motion sensor lights. At times, packages are delivered at night.
- Create an area at your front door not visible from the street.
- Research delivery companies that have the ability to unlock a security box or your garage via Smart Technology allowing the delivery person to leave your packages in a secured area.
- Determine if your community has a secure package pick-up location. Often times, these locations are located where you conduct routine shopping.
- Start a Neighborhood Watch and join a social media group in your neighborhood which allows residents to interact with each other.

The Covina Police Department takes package theft seriously. However, as a resident of the City, we need your help to reduce the opportunity of theft. Follow the Covina Police Department on our website and our Social Media sites.