

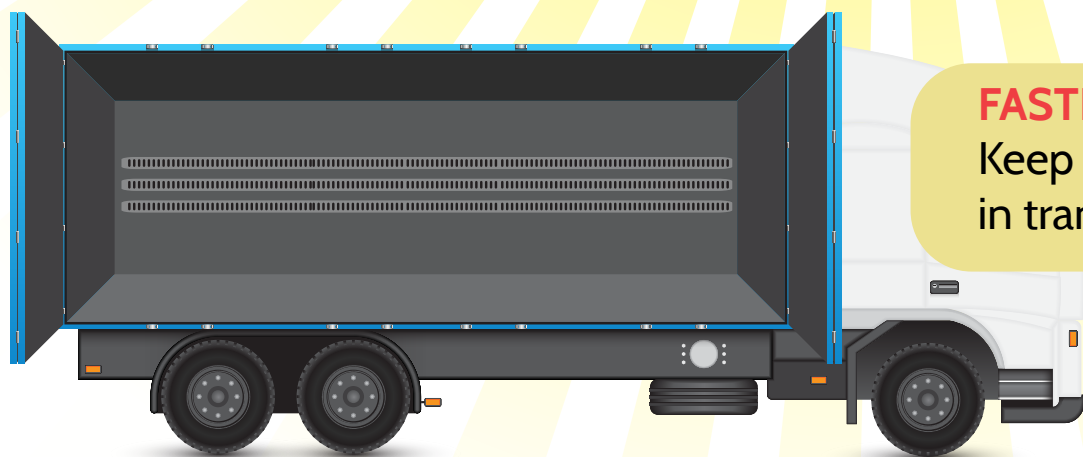
# NURSERY Freight Shipping

BEST PRACTICES & PROCEDURES

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**Roof barriers:** Metal roofs get very hot. When stacked carts or trees hit that ceiling, the leaves can burn from the generated heat.

**PROTECT CARGO** with barriers constructed of plywood, Styrofoam®, or heavy-duty tarp.



**FASTEN CARGO TO WALLS OF VAN:** Keep your product from shifting in transit with *E-trac strips*.

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**Inform carriers about their freight:** Before a shipment leaves the point of pick up, drivers need instructions about the load to avoid problems at delivery.



For example, when a dormant load of trees is delivered, the trees are sometimes mistaken as “dead.” The driver often will have literature to give the receiver that offers validation that the shipment is good.

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**Loading style:** Selecting the loading style will be determined by the product, load amount, and temperature. Tier-stacked and decked are two of the more common ways of shipping nursery items.

**Bare Root Loading:** Floor of the van or reefer is covered with straw and then a layer of mud with the product alternating in-between. The trailer is loaded from floor to ceiling and intermittently hosed down to keep the roots moist.



**Pot-by-pot:** This is a very time consuming process with sometimes as many as 1,500 – 2,000 pots being loaded at a time.



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