



Not enough time in the day to do what needs to be done?

Employees have to focus on completing the most important tasks each day, while overlooking other activities “for another day”. Hopefully, they are accomplishing the high priorities and not just working on the “low hanging fruit.”

Your choice of packaging supplier may be one of the most critical determining factors to whether your employees have enough time in their day to complete the most important goals. Possible time wasters include:

- ✚ They don't deliver on time, so you have to follow up and expedite to keep your lines running and product shipping out.
 - If vendors aren't local, it requires time spent tracking their trucks.
 - Information you receive on your delivery may not always be reliable and you find yourself “double-checking” their answers.
- ✚ You can't find a decision-maker in your supplier's company, especially in a crisis situation, making a difficult situation worse!
 - You make multiple calls for answers on your product and / or deliveries.
- ✚ They don't deliver what you need in the amounts you need it, again resulting in a lot of follow up and expediting.
 - You run out of what you need and/or have too much unnecessary product on your floor.
 - In some instances the supplier even ships in the wrong items!
- ✚ Your floor space might be limited due to your equipment, finished product and other raw materials, making it difficult to locate the packaging or even have a place for it when it comes in your dock.
 - Physical inventories are required to properly identify the stock on your floor, but are the data reliable?

- ✚ You have several suppliers who provide a variety of products, but none are capable of providing all that you use, adding time for each SKU you need.
 - At times a loading dock is jammed with various trucks waiting to be unloaded, while the truck with your critical packaging is waiting to get to your dock.
- ✚ In a nutshell, you are managing your packaging, and your focus is NOT on your product!

If you are an employee who never has enough time in your day, or if you know of an employee that meets this description, it might be time to review and improve your packaging supply chain. Maybe some or all of the “why” as to not enough time can be alleviated!

Sincerely,

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