

Holiday package theft prevention

Package Theft—'Tis the Season

Historically, November and December are the months when the Chicagoland area experiences an uptick in reports of delivered packages being stolen from the homes to which they are delivered, and River Forest is no exception. If you are having packages delivered to your home, here are some tips to avoid becoming a victim of package theft:

- If possible, have packages delivered to your workplace.
- Have packages delivered to a place where they can be received in person, such as the home of a trusted neighbor who stays home during the day, or a retired relative.
- Request the shipper require a signature confirmation or hold your package at their pick-up facility so you can pick it up in person at your convenience.
- If available, request store delivery.
- Request a specific delivery date and time from the shipper when you know you will be home.
- Provide delivery instructions to the shipper so that packages can be left at a safe location at your home that is out of sight from the street.
- Sign up for delivery alerts from the shipper.