

DONATING ITEMS TO THE NON-EAGLE FEATHER REPOSITORY

- ***How should the items be packed for shipment?***

Separate containers should be used for loose feathers, birds parts (such as talons), and from whole bird carcasses. Clearly mark the bags/containers as to their contents.

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Write the permit number and species of bird on each separate container. If you are not sure of the species, do not guess—indicate that it is “species unknown”. If you know the location where the item was found (city-county-state), please include that information as well.

- ***What information is needed for each shipment?***

The Repository will need the name of the business or institution, principal officer’s name, address, telephone number, and fax/email if applicable. Provide your permit number authorizing the disposition of feathers and/or parts of migratory birds. Include the type of permit, and the expiration date of the permit.

What if my business or institution is permit-exempt?

If you are an entity that has been determined to be exempt from the permit requirement, per 50 CFR 21.12(b), please request a copy of a Letter of Authorization (LOA) from your Regional Migratory Bird Permits Office. Include this with the shipment and the other required information. Repositories cannot accept shipments without a FWS permit number or copy of the LOA as proof that items are legal to accept for distribution.

- ***What does “permit-exempt” mean?***

Veterinarians and certain institutions are not required to have a FWS permit to possess migratory birds. The Code of Federal Regulations allows accredited institutional members of the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (AAZPA) and some public scientific or educational institutions exemption from the permit requirement, provided that state regulations are met. Contact your Regional Migratory Bird Permits Office for further information.

- ***Does the Fish and Wildlife Service provide mailing boxes or postage?***

No. The Repositories are not receiving federal funding and donations are strictly voluntary. You may contact either Repository to get information on any suggestions they may have for combining shipments or other methods to minimize costs.

Please contact any of the following with additional questions:

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