

# The Boxery Reports Dimensional Weight Is Reshaping E-Commerce Packaging—And Shipping Mailers Are the Fastest Fix

*The Boxery explains how weight affects shipping costs and why many e-commerce businesses are switching to shipping mailers to reduce unused package space.*

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Dimensional weight is changing how businesses approach packaging. When products allow it, mailers can reduce excess space, streamline packing, and help control shipping costs.”

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supplier serving businesses and consumers for 25+ years, today released a 2026 “Dimensional Weight Reality Check” for e-commerce shippers: when a package’s size drives its billable weight, oversized cartons can quietly inflate shipping costs—even when the product inside is lightweight. In categories where product protection allows it (including many soft goods and non-fragile shipments), shipping mailers are increasingly becoming the fastest operational fix because they reduce unused volume, speed up packing, and help avoid “shipping air.”

Dimensional weight is reshaping e-commerce packaging decisions in 2026

In 2026, more merchants are treating packaging dimensions like a cost input—not a packaging detail. The U.S. Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission for Shipping Services price changes scheduled to take effect Jan. 18, 2026, including an approximately 7.8% increase for USPS Ground Advantage. As shipping budgets adjust to rate changes and fee structures, dimensional weight is getting more attention because it can increase billable weight for lightweight products shipped in oversized cartons.

Businesses reviewing their 2026 packaging specs can explore The Boxery’s selection of shipping mailers (poly, bubble, kraft, and corrugated) at

<https://www.theboxery.com/catalog.asp?d=1035&name=Mailers>.

The Boxery’s 2026 “Dimensional Weight Reality Check” focuses on a simple observation: billable weight is often based on whichever is higher—actual weight or dimensional weight. When packaging adds unnecessary cubic volume, businesses can end up paying for space rather than product.

## Why shipping mailers are the “fast fix” in many catalogs

For many non-fragile shipments, switching from an oversized carton to a correctly sized mailer can reduce external dimensions and simplify packing. The Boxery notes that shipping mailers also store flat, which can make it easier to keep multiple sizes on hand and avoid defaulting to “close enough” packaging.

- Poly mailers: Commonly used for soft goods such as apparel and textiles, where rigidity is not required, and moisture resistance is a priority.
- Bubble mailers: Commonly used for smaller items that benefit from built-in cushioning without a full carton.
- Corrugated mailers: Commonly used for books, media, and flat items, where added rigidity supports safer transit while keeping a low profile.

## Recycling clarity and customer expectations

The Boxery also cautions brands to communicate disposal guidance accurately. According to How2Recycle, flexible plastic films (including eligible plastic mailers) are generally not accepted in most U.S. curbside programs, but many can be recycled through Store Drop-off, where collection bins are available, and the packaging carries the appropriate label. For brands using poly shipping mailers, clear, realistic instructions can reduce confusion and protect brand trust.

## Availability and speed matter when packaging becomes a workflow

The Boxery supplies poly mailers, poly bubble mailers, kraft bubble mailers, and corrugated mailers alongside product-selection guidance and educational resources. The company highlights free shipping on all mailers, multiple U.S. warehouses, and shipping speed targets, including same-day delivery on many orders placed before 4 p.m. Eastern Time.

The 2026 guidance emphasizes that mailers are not a universal replacement for cartons. Fragile products, high-value items requiring rigid protection, and irregular shapes may still warrant corrugated boxes and protective fill. The goal is consistent packaging standards that match product risk while avoiding unnecessary size that can inflate billable weight over time.

## About The Boxery

The Boxery is an online packaging supplier providing shipping and moving supplies, packaging protection, and select janitorial and office essentials. Serving B2B and consumer customers for 25+ years, The Boxery offers a broad assortment of in-stock packaging products, bulk pricing options, and support resources that help customers choose right-sized solutions across boxes, mailers, tape, and protective materials.

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