Shipping Your Bird

Get it to Billings cold, protected, and fast.

BEFORE YOU SHIP

1. Message me first

We settle your board, then I send the address.

- **No body background:** breast it out and keep the meat. Leave wings, tail, and head on.
- **Body background:** send it whole and uncut.
- **Not sure?** Keep it whole and ask.

2. Field care

- Wipe blood off with cold water.
- Don't gut, field-dress, or hose it down.
- Let it cool completely before freezing. Don't pile warm birds together.

3. Bird tag

Go to `featherframetaxidermy.com/bird-tag`

- Fill it out, press **Send to Jake**.
- Print it and **sign it by hand**.
- The signed tag goes in the box.

Federal law requires a signed tag on any duck or goose left with a taxidermist. Send one with turkeys and upland birds too, for my records. If someone else shot the bird, they sign it.

PACK AND SHIP

01 Prep the head and feathers

Paper towel in the beak. Tuck the head under a wing or flat against the body. Smooth every feather into place.

02 Bag it air-tight

Heavy-duty zip-top bag, every bit of air out, then a second bag. One bird per bag.

03 Freeze it solid

All the way through, not just chilled.

04 Box it

Sturdy cardboard box, empty space filled with newspaper. A styrofoam cooler helps keep it cold but isn't required. No loose ice. Keep feathers off gel packs and dry ice.

05 Add the signed tag

In its own zip-top bag, on top inside the box where it stays dry.

06 Ship Monday or Tuesday

UPS or FedEx. Overnight is best. Two-day is fine for ducks, geese, and pheasants. Text or email me the tracking number.

SHIP TO

Jake Davidson
5141 Clemson Dr
Billings, MT 59106

CARRIER

- UPS or FedEx
- Ship Monday or Tuesday
- Overnight is best
- 2-day OK for waterfowl and pheasants

Quick Reference

The short list, what it costs, and what happens when it arrives.

Do

— Message me before you clean the bird
— Wipe blood with cold water, cool before freezing
— Paper towel in the beak, feathers smoothed
— Double bag it, one bird per bag
— Freeze it solid before packing
— Fill out the tag online, then print and sign it
— Ship Monday or Tuesday and send me tracking

Don't

— Use loose ice or ice cubes
— Gut, field-dress, or hose the bird down
— Freeze warm birds piled together
— Ship ground, or late in the week
— Skip the double bagging
— Let feathers touch gel packs or dry ice
— Leave the tag where it could get wet

WHEN IT ARRIVES

I inspect every bird the day it arrives. If there's freezer burn or any damage, you'll hear from me within 24 hours.

DEPOSIT
Once your bird arrives
$200 duck, pheasant, turkey diamond. $400 turkey wing. With a signed agreement.

BALANCE
Before shipping
Paid when your board is finished.

RETURN SHIPPING
Included on duck and pheasant
Turkey boards ship at your cost.

CLEANING, WHOLE BIRDS
$100 turkeys and geese
$50 every other bird. Only if needed.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Who pays to ship my bird to you?
You do. Cost depends on distance and box weight.

Can I drop it off?
Yes, if you're near Billings. Message me first to set a time.

How fast will I hear back?
Usually within 24 hours, often the same day.

Do I need a styrofoam cooler?
No. It helps keep the bird cold, but a sturdy box works. A bird that thaws some may just need extra cleaning.

Several birds in one box?
Fine, as long as each is bagged separately and the box stays frozen.

Do you take birds year-round?
Yes. Frozen and packed right, ship any time.