

BEWARE OF PORCH PIRATES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



With the holiday season approaching, the Tarrytown Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind our residents that package theft becomes increasingly common this time of year. Tarrytown is not immune to “Porch Pirates”, thieves who steal packages from unsuspecting homeowners’ porches. In an effort to combat these crimes the Tarrytown Police Department offers the following tips:

- Ask family, neighbors or friends to hold a package if you’re unable to pick it up
- Ship packages to your workplace or a nearby store
- Sign up for delivery alerts and require a signature, if possible. Some companies and shippers offer locker services for packages to be held at a distribution center for pick up by the customer.
- Many shipping companies now allow you to request a delivery time or time-frame. Schedule packages for when someone is home
- Install a smart security camera or doorbell camera, like Ring® or Nest®, at your front door. Tarrytown PD has solved numerous residential property crimes using these systems and collaborating with our residents. If you have a camera, considering joining the Department’s Secure Camera Program, more information call 631-1514.
- Keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles and people in your neighborhood. Be sure to report suspicious activity to Tarrytown Police Department as it is occurring. Calling after the fact makes it much harder to stop potential criminal activity

