

National Returns Day – January 7th

Did anyone return a Christmas gift last week? Be honest! Does it help you to know that there is a designated National Returns Day? Typically, it's January 2nd, the first day you can ship anything back. Well over a million packages will be shipped every January 2nd. Millions of more packages were shipped in the first week of January. If you returned something, you were not alone.

What causes people to return gifts? Aunt Bee's idea of chic is your idea of yuk. Uncle Bob gives you ties that looked great in the last century. It could be as simple as the wrong size. For whatever reason, the gift failed to meet expectations and was returned. Gifts often get returned because the recipient doesn't value that gift.

Here is an observation. The more love we have for someone, the more we want our gift to them to be perfect. We want them to love our gift and never think of returning it. A gift given in love is a gift worth keeping. A gift from love, even if we don't like it, has a better chance of being kept. How many of you have gifts from your kids that you never used but would never part with because of the love behind that gift?

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So, while you might now be wondering if Aunt Sally kept your gift or returned it, please be assured that your gift today is appreciated and will be used. Thank you for your generosity!