

SHIPPING BUTTERFLY EGGS ON PLANT MATERIAL (USING “FLOS PAC” SACHET BAGS – www.flospac.com)

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Here's what you're shipping! Lovely Monarch eggs freshly laid onto a healthy sprig of tropical milkweed plant! The eggs need to be freshly-laid. The sprig's stem is inserted into the top of the Flos Pac Floral Sachet bag. The Flos Pac baggies have water in them and a top seal that has a place to insert the stem. The plant sprig stays nice and hydrated during shipment and the eggs will survive the trip very well.

Larvae could also be shipped on the plant sprigs but make sure that you send enough plant material to sustain the larvae through the trip!



The frozen polar pack is placed in a Styrofoam shipper box. A layer of cardboard that fits snug into the box is placed over the frozen polar pack. Next, the sprig with eggs, inserted into the Flos Pac bag is laid on top of the cardboard piece. This is followed with enough bunched up tissue paper (or cotton batting, packing peanuts, etc. to gently hold the contents in place during shipment. If there is a possibility the eggs are old enough for the larvae to emerge during shipment, then the sprigs in bags should travel inside of a plastic box with a netted lid.



Monarch eggs on sprig shipped by Connie Hodsdon, Flutterby Gardens of Manatee, Inc.