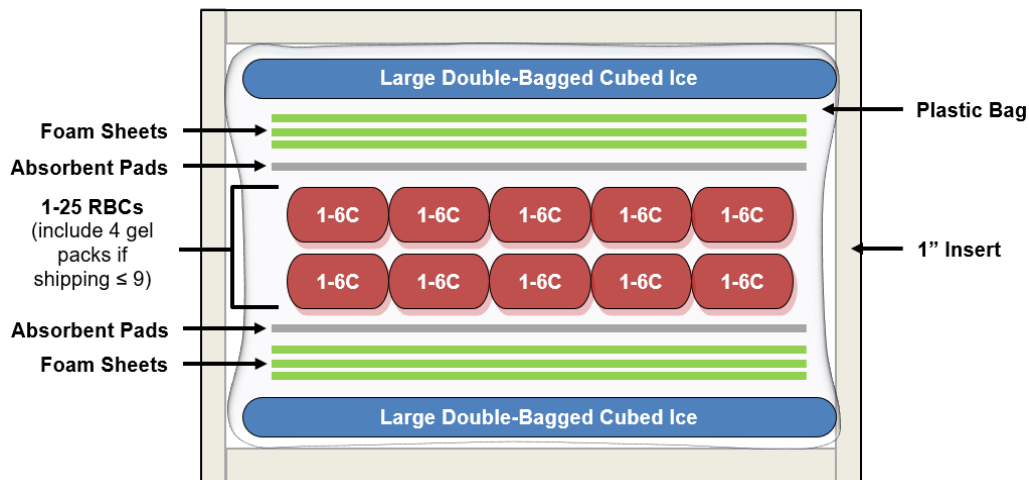


## Packing Supplies and Configuration for Returning Red Blood Cells to Your Blood Center

Packing supplies are available from your blood center. Red Blood Cells or thawed/liquid plasma components may be returned when allowed by the service agreement and the following packing configuration is followed:

- Gel Packs (48 oz): Stabilized to 1-6C
- Plastic Bags
- Absorbent Pads (white/blue, 9x9 inches)
- TP-14 Shipping Container (14x14x14 shipper)
- Foam Sheets (1/8" thick polyethylene)
- Wet Ice, bag approximately half full, double-bagged with each plastic bag sealed with a rubber band
- Rubber Bands



### Packing Limits

- Minimum component load is approximately 350 mL, which equals approximately one RBC.
- Maximum component load is approximately 8750 mL, which equals approximately 25 RBC or thawed/liquid plasma components.
- Use a total of four gel packs, 48 oz, stabilized to 1-6C, when packing 1-9 components.

1. Place plastic bag inside box.
2. Place sealed, double-bagged wet ice inside plastic bag.
3. Layer three foam sheets on top of bagged ice.
4. Layer two absorbent pads on top of foam sheets, absorbent side up.
5. Layer blood components on top of absorbent pads.
  - If shipping 1-9 components, layer two gel packs under components and two on top of the components.
6. Layer two absorbent pads on top of components or gel packs, absorbent side down.
7. Layer three foam sheets on top of absorbent pads.
8. Place a second sealed, double-bagged wet ice on top of foam sheets.
9. Insert top panel.
10. Close, seal, and label container.
11. Ship to your blood center to ensure container is received within 24 hours.