



## Prosperity 150 Time Capsule

Thank you for purchasing an official Prosperity 150 Tune Capsule envelope! You have officially become part of history! Below you will find some helpful tips and considerations to make regarding what to place in your envelope. Please follow these tips to ensure future generations in 2073 have just as much fun opening the time capsule as you have adding your envelope.

Deterioration of one material in the time capsule can lead to deterioration of the other materials contained in the time capsule, since they are in a limited closed space together. Well-preserved time capsules require careful consideration of what materials are included.

Some considerations:

- Materials that have already withstood the test of time have proven to be long lasting and are great options for the time capsule: The long term behavior of new materials is more unknown and could be in a damaged state when the capsule is opened in 50 years.
- Photographs are wonderful information carriers across time and culture. Black and white photos are much more stable than color prints. **Use black and white if possible.** To keep photo emulsion surfaces from sticking together, interleave the photos or sleeve them with archival quality photo envelopes.
- Include items that do not require any technology or equipment other than the eye and hand to use and interpret. **Today's computer discs and similar electronic media will not be playable in the future.**
- **Avoid plastics.** Because the aging characteristics of some plastics are not good and others are not truly known. These materials cannot be counted upon to survive in their original form. This problem is compounded if a plastic object is the medium for information (as with CD's or video tapes)
- Safer, more traditional choices include: items printed or written with carbon based ink on acid and lignin-free, good quality paper, well processed black and white photographs; non corroding metals, textiles made of non-plastic fibers, glass, stone, ceramic
- **DO NOT include food items and plants or other living things.**
- Include a list of all possible names on the exterior of the envelope, this will help find the owners fifty years in the future
- **DO NOT use rubber bands, paper clips, or staples on any documents, these degrade quickly and can ruin the documents.**
- Consider a handwritten letter to a loved one. Handwritten letters from a love one that is no longer here in 50 years are so meaningful to the family member that reads it in 50 years.
- Coins, business cards, and other small trinkets are great additions to the time capsule.
- When completed, bring your envelope to Prosperity Town Hall so that it can be placed in the time capsule at the end of the year.