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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

It's that time of year again. It just seems to sneak up on us every year and faster than you can feed those Thanksgiving turkey leftovers to the dog, suddenly it's National Re-Gifting Month! What? You know that fruitcake you just got from Aunt Hattie, or the tube socks from Cousin Mel aren't going to make it through the entire month of December without at least one attempt to pawn them off on someone else. Let's be honest, re-gifting is non-denominational and in fact just might be the hot new thing this year. Re-Cycling is green, and we forward thinking 21st Century Americans are nothing if not environmentally sensitive. But what about the inevitable guilt? Is it wrong to re-gift? Happily, (at least from a strictly legal point of view) no!

In Arizona, you only need to know three (3) things in order to re-gift with impunity: (1) Aunt Hattie and/or Cousin Mel must have intended to give you the gifts that you now wish to bestow upon/burden someone else. Getting the ugly sweater in a box addressed to a distant relation or your next-door neighbor does not count; (2) the gift challenged friend, relative or well wisher must actually deliver the item to you; and (3) irrevocable title must vest in you upon such delivery. Wait, what?



Unfortunately, those TV commercials where fabulous people give one another cars for the holidays are somewhat misleading. Unless the title documents to that shiny new SUV or sports car actually lists you as the owner of record, the gift is not complete. In this case, make sure that the documents regarding title are all in order. Nothing will ruin your holiday revelry quite like discovering that you have inadvertently pawned off a stolen vehicle to your favorite niece or nephew. Thankfully, most of the gifts that you would likely be inclined to part with on the sly are not nearly as complicated as all that.

All kidding aside, all of us at Owens & Perkins would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued confidence, trust and patronage during this past year, and wish you and your loved ones the very best for the holiday season and coming new year.