

6. COOKIE POLICY AND PREFERENCES

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Tardigrade Transportation LLC dba Tardigrade Freight Exchange ("Tardigrade") operates the Tardigrade Freight Exchange technology marketplace. This Cookie Policy covers <https://tardigradeexchange.com>, including related pages and applications that link to this Policy (collectively, the "Site"). [TardigradeLogisticServices.com](https://tardigradelogisticservices.com) and [TardigradeFreightExchange.com](https://tardigradefreightexchange.com) are legacy domains that may redirect to the corresponding location on the Site. A redirect does not change the operator or this Policy's coverage. This Policy explains how cookies and similar technologies are used and should be read with the Privacy Policy and Website Terms.

6.1 What cookies are

Cookies are small text files or browser records placed on a device by a website. First-party cookies are set through the Sites. Third-party cookies are set by another provider. Similar technologies include local storage, session storage, software development kits, and pixel tags. References to cookies include these technologies unless stated otherwise.

6.2 Strictly necessary technologies - always active

Strictly necessary technologies support functions requested by a visitor or required to operate and protect the Sites. They may:

- maintain an authenticated session;
- record a cookie or tracking preference;
- support form, CSRF, fraud-prevention, and session-integrity controls;
- enable load balancing, server routing, and service reliability; and
- preserve requested settings.

These technologies cannot be disabled through the Sites when they are required to provide the requested service. A browser may block them, but portions of the Sites may not work. They are used without opt-in consent where permitted because they are necessary for the requested service, security, or operation.

6.3 Optional analytics - consent required

With a visitor's consent, the Sites use GoDaddy C2/Signals, also described by GoDaddy as Advanced Tracking, to understand site use and improve content, navigation, reliability, and performance. Information may include pages visited, time on a page, referring URL, device or browser type, approximate geographic area, IP or device information processed by the provider, and related technical events. The service is intended to provide aggregated site-usage reporting and is not used by Tardigrade to make eligibility, credit, pricing, or shipment decisions about an identifiable person.

Optional analytics measurement and collection begin only after the visitor affirmatively selects Accept optional analytics or enables analytics through Manage Preferences. Selecting Reject optional analytics, or leaving analytics disabled through Manage Preferences, prevents optional analytics measurement and collection for that visit. Consent may be withdrawn or changed through Manage Preferences.

6.4 Current technology inventory

- Tardigrade and GoDaddy site-operation technologies - authentication, session continuity, security, fraud prevention, load balancing, consent records, and requested preferences - strictly necessary - session duration or up to 365 days for persistent consent and preference records.
- GoDaddy C2/Signals (Advanced Tracking) - aggregated site analytics and performance reporting - optional analytics - up to 365 days, and only after consent.

Tardigrade does not currently use advertising cookies, social-media tracking pixels, or cookies for cross-context behavioral advertising. If another optional technology is introduced, this inventory and the consent controls will be updated before the technology is activated where required.

6.5 Managing preferences

On the first visit, the cookie banner permits a visitor to Accept optional analytics, Reject optional analytics, or review available choices through Manage Preferences. Strictly necessary technologies remain active. The preference record may remain in local storage or another persistent technology for up to 365 days. A preference stored by one domain ordinarily is not readable by another domain. A visitor who reaches the Site through a legacy redirect may therefore be asked to choose a preference on the primary domain. The banner may also reappear after the preference period, after browser data is cleared, or when renewed consent is appropriate.

Browser settings may also block or delete cookies. Doing so may affect Site functionality. Some browsers send Do Not Track or other preference signals. Tardigrade honors choices made through the Site controls and legally required opt-out preference signals when applicable. Because the Sites do not use cookies for sale, targeted advertising, or

cross-context behavioral advertising at launch, an opt-out signal may not change the strictly necessary or consent-based analytics configuration.

6.6 Third-party technologies

The Sites do not currently embed third-party advertising networks or social-media tracking pixels. Third-party integrations, embedded content, maps, chat, payment tools, or other features may introduce additional technologies. They will not be treated as covered by this disclosure unless the provider, purpose, category, and duration are added and any required consent or opt-out control is implemented.

6.7 Retention

Strictly necessary session technologies generally expire when the browser session ends. Persistent consent and preference records may remain for up to 365 days. Optional analytics data, when accepted, may be retained for up to one year. A shorter or longer period may apply when required for security, legal compliance, dispute preservation, or the provider's documented technical operation; material differences will be reflected in an updated disclosure.

6.8 Changes

Tardigrade may update this Policy prospectively. Material changes will be communicated through the cookie banner or another conspicuous notice. When a change introduces or materially expands optional technologies, a new choice or consent will be obtained when required. Continued browsing by itself is not consent to optional cookies.

6.9 Operator and Contact

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