Post Office- Information www.usps.com

The proper way to address an envelope in the U.S.:

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| **Forever Stamps****(currently 55-cents,as of January 2019)**You can buy a sheet of 20 stampsOra roll of 100 stamps | * You can send a letter anywhere in the U.S. with one Forever Stamp (1 oz.)
* Forever Stamps never expire. Even if the price goes up, your old Forever Stamps will still be good to use any year, at any time.
* International Forever Stamps are also available
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| **Basic Pricing for First-Class Mail in the U.S.:*** Postcards
	+ Single postcard: **$0.35**
* Letters
	+ First ounce (28 grams) **$0.55**
	+ Each additional ounce: **$0.15**
 | **Basic Pricing for First-Class Mail International:*** Postcards
	+ Single postcard: **$1.15**
* Letters
	+ First ounce (28 grams) **$1.15**
	+ Each additional ounce: **prices vary**
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**Priority Mail and Flat Rate for larger envelopes and packages:**

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| Priority Mail (U.S.) | * Delivery in 1, 2, or 3 days
* Priced by weight and size
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| *International* Priority Mail | * Up to 70 lbs. (31.75 kg) – delivery in 6-10 business days
* Includes free tracking
* Priced by weight and size
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| Priority Mail Flat Rate (U.S.) | * One price for as much as you can fit in the provided box
	+ small box (very small)
	+ medium box
	+ large box (it’s actually not very large)
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| *International* Priority Mail Flat Rate | * One price for as much as you can fit in the provided box, within certain weight limits. Price varies depending what country you’re shipping to.
	+ small box (up to 4 lbs. or 1.81 kg)
	+ medium box (up to 20 lbs. or 9 kg)
	+ large box (up to 20 lbs. or 9 kg)
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\*\*Shipping boxes are FREE for U.S. and international Flat Rate shipping

\*\* All international packages will require customs forms

**Other USPS shipping options:**

* First Class International
	+ Least expensive for overseas, but weight limit is 4 lbs. (1.81 kg)
* Express Mail
	+ Fastest, most expensive option for overnight delivery in the U.S.
* Standard Post
	+ Slowest, but cheapest option, travels by truck or ship instead of air
* Media Mail
	+ For books and recorded media ONLY

**Other information:**

* If you go on vacation, you can have the post office **HOLD your mail**. Use a yellow form or do it online. (search “USPS Hold Mail”). They will deliver all the mail to you when you return from your vacation.
* If you move, you’ll need to fill out a **Change of Address** form, and the post office will forward your mail to the new address.

**Helpful phrases:**

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| **Things you might say:** | **Things the postal clerk might ask:** |
| * I’d like to mail this package.
* How much will it cost to mail this to \_\_\_\_\_?
* What’s the cheapest way to send it?
* How long will it take to get there?
* What’s the fastest way to send it?
* I’d like to buy some stamps.
 | * Anything liquid, breakable, or perishable?
* Any explosives or hazardous substances?
* Would you like insurance or delivery confirmation?
* Need any stamps today?
* How’d you like to pay for that?
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Depending on the type of mail, additional services are available for an additional fee:

* **Certificate of Mailing** provides proof of the date a package was mailed.
* **Certified Mail** provides proof of mailing, and a delivery record. Used for serving legal documents and for sending [U.S. Government classified information](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classified_information_in_the_United_States).
* **Collect on Delivery (C.O.D.)** allows merchants to offer customers an option to pay upon delivery, up to $1000. Includes insurance.
* **USPS Tracking / Delivery Confirmation** provides proof of delivery to sorting facilities, local post office and destination, but no signature is required.
* **Insurance** against loss or damage. Amount of coverage can be specified, up to $5,000.
* **Registered Mail** for highly valuable or irreplaceable items, and [classified information](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classified_information_in_the_United_States). Registered mail is transported separately from other mail, in locked containers. Tracking is included and insurance up to $25,000 is available.
* **Restricted Delivery** requires delivery to a specific person, not just to a mailbox.
* **Return Receipt** sends signature confirmation back to the sender by postcard or email
* **Signature Confirmation** requires a delivery signature, which is kept on file. The online tracking system displays the first initial and last name of the signatory.
* **Special Handling** is for unusual items, like live animals.

**\*\*** You can use the Click-N-Ship option to print forms and ship from your home: [**www.usps.com**](http://www.usps.com)

**Alternatives to US Postal System are:** FedEx, DHL, UPS shipping companies