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## It's All in the Box

Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes Simplify Shipping

WASHINGTON — It's all in the box: the Priority Mail Flat Rate Box from the U.S. Postal Service.

That's the simplicity of shipping with a Priority Mail Flat Rate Box. Everything needed for a special occasion or care package to a loved one will fit perfectly in one of four different sized boxes available — and will ship for one flat price no matter the weight or destination.

Party hats, balloons, decorations and a gift for a Priority Mail All in the Box birthday party kit. Toys, blankets, diapers and the perfect pair of booties in a Priority Mail All in the Box package for a new baby.

"Whatever the occasion, it's all in the box," said Gary Reblin, vice president of Expedited Shipping. "With a range of boxes to choose from, customers can find the right-sized package to meet their needs. And with one flat rate, the price of Priority Mail flat-rate shipping is a great value."

Reblin added that Priority Mail flat-rate packages arrive on average within two to three days. Saturday and residential deliveries are included at no extra cost.

Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes come in four sizes: small, large and two different medium configurations. The small box is about the size of three stacked DVDs. The medium boxes are similar in size and shape to a shoe box and a flat clothing box. The large box is square and features 50 percent more space inside than the medium boxes.

Prices and measurements are listed in the accompanying chart. As shown, customers who order Priority Mail flat-rate shipping online at <u>usps.com</u> will receive a discount. There also is a special \$2 savings for the Priority Mail Large Flat Rate Box when shipped to military APO/FPO addresses.

Priority Mail Flat Rate Box	Size (inches)	Retail Price	Online Price	International	
				Canada/Mexico	Other Countries
Small Flat Rate Box	8-5/8 x 5-3/8 x 1-5/8	\$ 4.95	\$ 4.80	\$10.95	\$12.95
Medium Flat Rate Box	11 x 8-1/2 x 5-1/2	\$ 10.35	\$ 9.85	\$25.95	\$41.95
Medium Flat Rate Box	13-5/8 x 11-7/8 x 3-3/8	\$ 10.35	\$ 9.85	\$25.95	\$41.95
Large Flat-Rate Box Domestic APO/FPO	12-1/4 x 12-1/4 x 6	\$ 13.95 \$ 11.95	\$ 13.50 \$11.50	\$32.95 NA	\$53.95 NA

For more information, customers can visit the *Priority Mail* shipping pages on usps.com.

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