

Fact Sheet

2009 Postal Service Mailing Services Price Change

- Prices for Postal Service mailing services – including First-Class Mail, Standard Mail, Periodicals (newspapers and magazines), Package Services (retail Parcel Post), and Special Services will be adjusted on Monday, May 11, 2009.
- The price of a First-Class Mail stamp increases two cents to 44 cents.
- Customers can continue to mail letters at today's prices by purchasing the Forever Stamp before May 11. Forever Stamps are honored whenever they are used with no need for additional postage for a once-ounce letter. On May 11, 2009, the price of a Forever Stamp will increase to 44 cents.
- There will be no change in the First-Class Mail additional ounce price, which remains at 17 cents.
- Other price changes on May 11 include:
 - A postcard stamp increases a penny to 28 cents.
 - The first ounce of a large envelope (flat) increases 5 cents to 88 cents.
 - The first ounce of a parcel increases 5 cents to \$1.22.
 - New First-Class Mail International postcard and letter (first ounce) prices are:
 - Canada – 75 cents.
 - Mexico – 79 cents.
 - Other countries – 98 cents.
- The new prices are available at *usps.com/prices*.
- For the average household, the First-Class Mail stamp price change will represent an additional \$3 a year over the course of the year. The Postal Service continues to offer great service at some of the lowest postage prices in the world.
- The Postal Service does not receive tax dollars for operations and is not immune to rising costs which are affecting homes and businesses in America today.
- The average price increases are in line with the change in the Consumer Price Index.
- Most Postal Service shipping services prices were adjusted in January 2009 and will not change in May.

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