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Postal Service Ready for Record Cyber Monday, Holiday Season

Package Volume Expected to Increase 12 Percent



WASHINGTON — Americans are expected to make Cyber Monday 2016 the largest ever and the U.S. Postal Service, the largest e-commerce deliverer, is ready.

The Postal Service will handle approximately 750 million packages this holiday season, an increase of more than 12 percent over last year. This is double the volume of packages handled just four years ago.

According to market researcher [Adobe Digital Insights](#), Cyber Monday sales will exceed \$3 billion, an increase of 9.4 percent over last year.

For those wanting a stress-free holiday without leaving the comforts of home, the Postal Service offers solutions on usps.com that make gift-shipping easy and convenient.

- Order free flat-rate USPS Priority Mail boxes at usps.com/freeboxes — delivered to any home or business
- Skip the trip to a Post Office with Click-N-Ship. Create mailing labels and print postage online at usps.com/ship
- Request free package pickup when your carrier delivers the mail at usps.com/pickup

Additionally, the Postal Service offers an entire suite of products and services to make holiday mailing and shipping simple. For free shipping supplies, holiday stamp purchases, shipping deadlines and more, visit usps.com and delivercheer.com.

Important mailing deadlines:

Dec. 09 – Military APO/FPO/DPO Priority Mail & APO/FPO First-Class Mail
Dec. 15 – USPS Retail Ground (domestic)
Dec. 16 – Military APO/FPO/DPO Priority Mail Express
Dec. 20 – First-Class Mail Cards and Letters
Dec. 21 – Priority Mail
Dec. 23 – Priority Mail Express

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

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