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## Government Documents News



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The United States Postal Service is recreating its image with new contemporary, competitive services including free eco-friendly packaging, shipping from home, customized postage stamps, greeting cards, online address changes, and more.

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If you will be away from home, you can suspend your mail delivery online. The post office will hold your mail from 3 to 30 days. Mail delivery will resume on the date you specify. <https://holdmail.usps.com/duns/HoldMail.jsp>

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Schedule a pickup of your Express Mail, Priority Mail and International packages. Pack your boxes for shipping, attach postage, notify the Postal Service online at [usps.com/pickup](https://usps.com/pickup) that your packages are ready to be picked up. Your letter carrier will pick up the packages during their normal delivery time. This service is free of charge, regardless of the number of packages you are sending. You can schedule your pickup up to three months ahead of time.

- The Postal Service has two different options for pickup of outgoing mail.
  - **Carrier Pickup** allows you to schedule a pickup at the same time your mail is delivered by your letter carrier. There is no additional charge for Carrier Pickup when your mail is picked up as part of your letter carrier's route and he or she does not need to make a special trip to pick up your mailpiece(s).
  - **Pickup On Demand** can be used when you need to have your mailpiece(s) picked up on a specific date in a specific timeframe. (All mail for a pickup must be completely ready for mailing) The cost is \$14.75 per trip (regardless of the number of items scheduled for pickup).

Restrictions:

- Individual items cannot exceed 70 pounds or 108 inches in total length and girth.
- Mailpieces weighing more than 13 oz. bearing postage stamps for postage must be brought to an employee at a retail counter in a Post Office.

**Arrange Redelivery of Mail When:**



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A signature is required.  
Mail will not fit in your mail receptacle.  
Mail cannot be left in a secure place.  
To use the online redelivery service, you will need the peach colored Delivery Notice / Reminder / Receipt (PS Form 3849) left by the Carrier.

**Combine Services**

See examples of mailing services that can be combined to meet your needs.

**Create and Send Greeting Cards & Postcards**



Send gifts and greetings. Personalize a greeting and add a gift card online! The Postal Service will print and mail your cards for you.

**Shop at The Postal Store**



Postage Stamps



Elvis Bear



**"Take Me Out to the Ball Game" Collection**

Buy stamps, packaging, collectibles, artwork, books and toys at [The Postal Store](http://ThePostalStore.com) online.

## [Create Stamps From Your Digital Photographs](#)



Turn your favorite photos into real postage.

## [Send Money](#)

The Postal Service offers three ways to send money.

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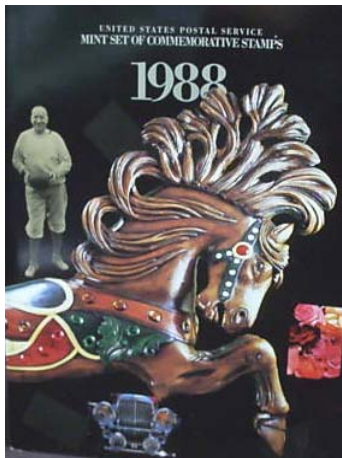


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Annual Report of the Postmaster General (P 1.1) 1913 – 1985.

Montgomery Blair: Postmaster General (P 1.2:B 57)

Street Directory of the Principal Cities of the United States: 1908 (P 7.6)

United States Postage Stamps (P 4.10)

United States Postal Service Mint Set of Commemorative Stamps: 1988. (P 1.54:988)

We Deliver: The Story of the U.S. Postal Service. (P 1.2:D 37/2)

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