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## ELECTIONS NOTICE

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## Postal Rate Increase

### New Prices Coming May 12

On May 12 the USPS will adjust prices for mailing services — First-Class Mail, Standard Mail, Periodicals, Package Services, and Special Services. The average increase by class of mail is at or below the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

A First-Class Mail stamp will be 42¢. Customers can continue to use the Forever Stamps they purchased for 41¢, even after the price change. USPS will have 5 billion Forever Stamps in stock to meet increased demand before the price change. Forever Stamps are widely available through Post Offices, Contract Postal Units, consignment locations, Automated Postage Centers, vending, and online.

### Pricing Highlights:

- No change in the First-Class Mail single-piece additional-ounce price.
- Lower additional-ounce price for presorted First-Class Mail letters.
- Lower pound price for Standard Mail saturation and high-density flats.
- Shape-based pricing for First-Class Mail International letters, flats, and parcels.
- First-Class Mail International price groups expand from five to nine groups.

### Select prices:

First-Class Mail letter (1 oz.)	42¢
First-Class Mail letter (2 oz.)	59¢
Postcard	27¢
First-Class Mail large envelope (2 oz.)	\$1.00
Certified Mail	\$2.70
First-Class Mail International letter to Canada and Mexico (1 oz.)	72¢
First-Class Mail International letter to all other countries (1 oz.)	94¢

See [usps.com/prices](https://usps.com/prices) for all mailing services prices and links to downloadable pricing files, and additional information. USPS will announce new prices for shipping services — Express Mail, Priority Mail, Parcel Select, and International Mail — in March.

Consistent with [The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act](#), USPS will adjust their mailing services prices each May. By law, these prices can increase on average no more than the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index. They plan to provide 90 days' notice of the new prices each year, to help mailers prepare for the change.

The *Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM) is available on Postal Explorer ([pe.usps.com](https://pe.usps.com)). To subscribe to the DMM Advisory, send an e-mail to [dmmadvisory@usps.com](mailto:dmmadvisory@usps.com). Simply indicate "subscribe" in the subject line.