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Deeper Discounts on Postal Service Products In a Lobby Near You

Post Office Lobbies, the New Shopping Mall

WASHINGTON — Out with the old, in with the new. That's the approach the U.S. Postal Service is taking in restocking the retail products it sells in Post Office lobbies across the country. What this clean sweep means to customers is a 50 percent discount on select in-stock USPS-branded merchandise such as matted and framed artwork and stuffed animals.

While taking advantage of this sale, customers can – without charge – pick up the Postal Service's new Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes to share their treasures with loved ones in other locations. Countless goods can be mailed in the boxes for a set rate – regardless of weight or destination. If it fits, it ships.

Later this fall, customers will find enhanced product displays and a different mix of merchandise. The Postal Service will be updating the goods it offers to better fit customers' needs. The categories of planned merchandise include:

- Mailing and shipping supplies, such as ReadyPost boxes, mailers, tape and bubble wrap.
- Mail-related merchandise, such as scales and stamp dispensers.
- U.S. Postal Service-branded and promotional merchandise, such as passport holders.
- Philatelic products, including stamp yearbooks, stamped postal cards and stationery.

“We’re streamlining our merchandise selection and making available a robust supply of our core products to satisfy customers’ mailing and shipping needs,” said Tim Healy, vice president, Retail Products and Services.

Discounts on select Postal Service-branded items are available until August, when discontinued items will be removed from sale.

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An independent federal agency, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation, 149 million residences, businesses and Post Office Boxes, six days a week. It has 34,000 retail locations and relies on the sale of postage, products and services, not tax dollars, to pay for operating expenses. Named the Most Trusted Government Agency five consecutive years by the Ponemon Institute, the Postal Service has annual revenue of \$75 billion and delivers nearly half the world's mail. To learn about the history of the Postal Service visit the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum: www.postalmuseum.si.edu.