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Putting the “Free” in Stress-free Holidays *Today’s Holidays Need Today’s Mail*

WASHINGTON, DC — This holiday, the U.S. Postal Service is giving customers a special gift: More time. On us.

Order Flat-Rate Boxes. Check holiday mailing dates. Request free package pickup. All at a time and day convenient to customers. One click does the trick at usps.com.

“From finding the closest Post Office with extended hours to ordering free, environmentally friendly packaging during the late, late show, the Postal Service is looking out for our customers,” said Anita Bizzotto, USPS chief marketing officer and executive vice president. “These free services are further evidence that today’s holidays need today’s mail.”

Here are some time-saving tips and free services to help make the holidays a little brighter:

FREE package pickup: Don’t fight Mother Nature. Stay inside where it’s nice and warm and let the Postal Service do what it does best — pick up and deliver mail. Prepare Priority Mail and Express Mail packages then notify us online at usps.com/pickup that they’re ready to be picked up. Free package pickup is available from home or office, regardless of the weather. Unlike other shipping companies, there is no fee for the service.

FREE eco-friendly boxes and envelopes: Send a very “green” holiday message across town or around the world when sending Priority Mail and Express Mail packages and envelopes. The U.S. Postal Service is the only mailing or shipping company in the nation to achieve “Cradle to Cradle”SM Certification for human and environmental health. These supplies are 100 percent recyclable. To make it even easier, the same box can be used for domestic or international mail.

FREE shipping supplies: Tape, labels, international mailing products, even customs forms are available online at usps.com — at no charge. Chose from a variety of Priority Mail and Express Mail envelopes and packages, including the popular Flat-Rate Box, and Priority Mail boxes for mailing videos, DVDs or CDs. Stop wasting time searching for a cardboard box or abandoned shoe box. Everything you need is online and can be shipped to your home or office.

FREE military CareKits: The Postal Service has created a special mailing and shipping kit designed specifically for military families sending packages overseas. Each CARE KIT contains two Priority Mail boxes, six Priority Mail Flat-Rate boxes, eight Priority Mail labels, one roll of Priority Mail tape and eight customs forms with envelopes. Call 1-800-610-8734 and ask for the CARE KIT.

FREE Holiday Guide: Sent to every residential address in the nation, the Holiday Guide provides helpful tips and resources as well as time-saving and stress-free services available online at usps.com.

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