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### Last-Minute Mailers Have Online Options

*Something Free from Your Holiday Shipping Experts*

**Washington, DC** — It's the busiest mailing day of the year, and US Postal Service Deputy Postmaster General and Chief Operating Officer Patrick R. Donahoe wants to remind last-minute mailers of the last dates to get their cards and gifts delivered by Christmas Day.

Donahoe advises, "Holiday shoppers should get their First-Class Mail to us by Dec. 20 to ensure delivery before Christmas Day. For those last-minute shoppers, we can accept Express Mail up to Dec. 23. If you give it to us, we'll get it there."

The Postal Service expects to deliver 19 billion letters, packages and cards between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Today the Postal Service expects to cancel the largest volume of mail of the season when 960 million cards and letters will be processed. The busiest delivery day will be Wednesday, Dec. 17.

"We know it's crunch time for getting your holiday gifts sent," says Donahoe. "You can free up some time with some of the 'freebies' we offer to make your holiday mailing easier."

**Free eco-friendly boxes and envelopes:** Our Priority Mail And Express Mail envelopes are eco-friendly and recyclable. Choose from a variety of sizes, including our economical Flat-Rate Priority Mail boxes. They are available at Post Offices or can be ordered online at [usps.com](http://usps.com).

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"Shoppers can do all of their holiday shipping at [usps.com](http://usps.com)" says Donahoe. "You can pay postage, print mailing labels, and get price savings on Priority and Express Mail when you ship online."

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**Please Note:** For more holiday mailing news and information, visit the Holiday Press Room at [www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/2008/holiday/hpr.htm](http://www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/2008/holiday/hpr.htm).

An independent federal agency, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that visits every address in the nation, 146 million homes and businesses, six days a week. It has 37,000 retail locations and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to pay for operating expenses, not tax dollars. The Postal Service has annual revenues of \$75 billion and delivers nearly half the world's mail.