

Consumer Corner

Postal Services Are Closer Than You Think



The U.S. Postal Service is expanding access to its services—there are now more than 100,000 places to buy stamps and postal services.

(NAPSA)—Everyone recognizes a Post Office. There is often a flagpole and a blue collection box out front. But many people still don't know that you don't have to go to a Post Office to get postal services.

There are lots of Post Offices—about 32,000. But there are even more other places to get U.S. Postal Service stamps, products and shipping services—more than twice as many. Altogether, there are over 100,000 locations—banks, ATMs, grocery stores, drugstores and other retailers. Service may be closer than you think. There is no need for a special trip to the Post Office. Many are open in the evening and on the weekend.

“We’re teaming up with hundreds of new stores so customers can do postal business at places where they already shop,” explains Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe. “Americans have more to do and less time to do it. We know simpler is better—

online, on your mobile device, on your way, with an expertise that you can count on.”

You can use your mobile device. The U.S. Postal Service has one of the top 10 free business applications, on Apple’s iPhone and iPod touch mobile devices, that lets customers track packages, locate Post Offices and calculate postage prices anywhere. A new Android app has also just come out.

You can also shop online at www.usps.com, print postage from your computer, and your letter carrier will pick up packages at your home or office without extra charge.

Adds Donahoe, “We’re everywhere so you can be anywhere.”

To find the nearest U.S. Postal Service retail location go to www.uspseverywhere.com and type in the ZIP Code or city and state.

Look for the USPS logo at local retailers and save yourself an extra trip to the Post Office.