

## Postage Rate Increase

On April 17, 2011 the U.S. Postal Service® will implement a postage rate increase for a number of mail classes including First Class Mail® (domestic and international), Media Mail®, and Parcel Post®. This rate change is in addition to the January 2, 2011 rate change which increased prices for Priority Mail® and Express Mail®. Priority and Express rates will not increase as a result of the April rate change.

Here is a summary of the April 2011 USPS postage rate increase:

- The USPS will not change rates for Priority and Express in April 2011 (these rates were changed in the January 2011 rate change).
- First Class Letters will remain at \$0.44 for the first ounce and one-ounce First Class Flats will remain at \$0.88; each additional ounce (or half ounce for 3.5 ounce letters) will cost an extra \$0.20 (previously \$0.17).
- Retail rates for First Class Parcels will start at \$1.71 (previously \$1.22). This will be the rate for the first three ounces; each additional ounce will cost 17 cents.
- The USPS will introduce Single-Piece Commercial Base and Commercial Plus Prices for First Class Parcels. Commercial Base Prices are available for all Stamps.com shippers and will save \$0.15 per First Class Parcel.
- Postcard rates will be \$0.29 (previously \$.28).
- Parcel Post rates will start at \$5.10 (previously at \$4.90).
- Media Mail rates will start at \$2.41 (previously at \$2.38).
- Prices will also increase for certain special services such as Certified Mail, Registered Mail and Signature Confirmation.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding postal rates, please feel free to contact mail services: [mail.services@unco.edu](mailto:mail.services@unco.edu) or 970-351-2026.