Holiday Hints

Handling Your Holiday Mailing Online

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(NAPSA)—During the holiday mailing season, many consumers are looking for a way to ease the pressure of getting their holiday mail out on time.

One strategy being used by a growing number of consumers is to go online. By visiting the post office that never closes—www.usps.com—customers can calculate postage, find ZIP codes or put mail on hold if going on vacation. They also can purchase stamps, track and confirm mailings, or even design, purchase and mail personalized greeting cards.

To ship online, all you need is a computer, printer and Internet connection to print out labels and leave packages for carriers to pick up and deliver. "It's clear we have a hit on our hands," said Nick Barranca, USPS vice president, product development. "The easy-to-use online shipping service allows customers to mail without leaving their homes or offices. With Click-N-Ship, customers can create and print mailing labels—with or without postage—and pay via credit card."

Packages can be sent to both domestic and international addresses. For domestic ship-

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ments, customers can choose Priority Mail or Express Mail. For international destinations, Global Express Mail and Global Express Guaranteed are available.

A free guide to handling your holiday mailings—The "Customer's Guide to Mailing" is also available from the Post Office. It provides clear, concise information on virtually everything consumer customers need to know about mailing. The guide, available at post offices and online, includes illustrations, tips and helpful information about changing an address, putting mail on temporary hold, and choosing extra services such as Insurance or Delivery Confirmation.

To learn more about the Click-N-Ship print and pay options for shipping or for a free copy of the guide, visit www.usps.com.