

# FIRST-CLASS® PACKAGE SERVICE COMPARISON CHART

This chart was prepared as a quick reference to clarify the difference between USPS First-Class Package Service-Retail and First-Class Package Service-Commercial. For detailed information, see Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual® (DMM), parts 130 and 280.

	<b>First-Class Package Service – Retail® (FCPS-R) DMM 130</b>	<b>First-Class Package Service – Commercial (FCPS-C) DMM 280</b>
<b>Description</b>	FCPS-R is a low-cost mailing option for parcels. FCPS-R parcels receive expeditious handling and transportation. (DMM 133.2.1)	FCPS-C is a low-cost mailing option for parcels. FCPS-C parcels receive expeditious handling and transportation. (DMM 283.3.1)
<b>Package Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ FCPS-R parcels can contain any mailable content (DMM 133.3.0), with the exception of prohibited material in DMM 601.8.0</li> <li>➤ Parcels containing the following <b>may be mailed</b> as FCPS-R               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bills and Statements of Account</li> <li>○ Handwritten and typewritten material</li> <li>○ Personal Information</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ FCPS-C parcels can contain any mailable content, (DMM 283.2.0) with the exception of prohibited material in DMM 601.8.0 and the following:</li> <li>➤ Parcels containing the following <b>cannot be mailed</b> at FCPS-C               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bills and Statements of Account</li> <li>○ Handwritten and typewritten material</li> <li>○ Personal Information</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility</b>	➤ FCPS-R parcels <b>are sealed</b> against postal inspection; content cannot be opened for review. (DMM133.2.0)	➤ FCPS-C parcels are <b>not sealed</b> against postal inspection. USPS may open package items to determine if proper postage was paid and content is allowable. (DMM 283.3.0)
<b>Dimensions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Size Requirements:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Maximum Size:</b> Parcels cannot measure more than 108 inches in length and girth combined. (DMM 101.6.4)</li> <li>○ <b>Minimum Size:</b> All pieces 1/4 inch thick or less must be a minimum of 5 inches in length, 3-1/2 inches in height, and 0.007 inch in thickness. (DMM 101.3.2)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Size Requirements:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Maximum Size:</b> Parcels cannot measure more than 22 inches in length, 18 inches in width, 15 inches in thickness. (DMM 201.8.3.1)</li> <li>○ <b>Minimum Size:</b> All pieces 1/4 inch thick or less must be a minimum of 5 inches in length, 3-1/2 inches in height, and 0.007 inch in thickness. (DMM 201.8.3.2)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Weight Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Maximum Weight:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>13 ounces</b> – Price based on weight and zone. (DMM 101.6.1)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Maximum Weight:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>15.99 ounces</b> – Price based on weight and zone (DMM 283.1.1)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Price</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Based on weight and zone; any fraction of an ounce is considered a whole ounce. (DMM 133.1.2)</li> <li>➤ See Notice 123 for detailed pricing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Based on weight and zone; any fraction of an ounce is considered at the next whole ounce. (DMM 283.1.1)</li> <li>➤ See Notice 123 for detailed pricing.</li> </ul>
<b>Postage Payment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Must be paid by affixed postage stamp, Postage Evidencing System, or Precanceled stamps. (DMM 134.1.1.1)</li> <li>➤ In addition, eligible FCPS-R business customers registered on USPS.com may pay postage with USPS Click-N-Ship. (DMM 134.1.1.2)</li> </ul>	➤ May be paid with Postage Evidencing System or Permit Imprint. (DMM 284.1.0)
<b>Mail Preparation</b>	➤ There are no sorting requirements for FCPS-R. (DMM 135.1.0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There are no sorting requirements for FCPS-C. (DMM 285.1.0)</li> <li>➤ Optional ADC Presort (DMM 285.3.0)</li> </ul>
<b>Enter and Deposit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Items may be deposited into any collection box, mail receptacle, or at any place where mail is accepted if the full required postage is paid with postage stamps.</li> <li>➤ Items bearing only postage stamps that weigh more than 10 ounces, measuring more than one half-inch in thickness, must be presented to an employee at a Post Office location. (DMM 136.1.0)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ FCPS-C with postage evidencing indicia may be deposited at any postal facility, picked up during the normal delivery and collection of mail, or picked up by Pickup on Demand service.</li> <li>➤ Permit Imprint mail must be deposited and accepted at the Post Office that issued the permit. (DMM 604.5.0)</li> </ul>
<b>Delivery Service Standards</b>	Estimated delivery time is two (2) to five (5) days, including offshore locations. FCPS-R does not guarantee delivery service.	Estimated delivery time is two (2) to five (5) days, including offshore locations. FCPS-C does not guarantee delivery service.