

New USPS® HAZMAT fees: what shippers need to know.

Hazardous materials (HAZMAT) are items or substances that can pose risks to health, safety, or property if not handled properly during transportation.

If you're shipping HAZMAT items, review the new fees and compliance risks introduced by the USPS.



Hazardous materials fall into 3 categories:

MAILABLE
Can be mailed with no special restrictions

MAILABLE WITH RESTRICTIONS
Can be mailed if you follow all rules

PROHIBITED
Cannot be sent through USPS

What is HAZMAT?

Includes chemicals, flammable items, and lithium batteries (i.e., phone battery).

Many everyday products qualify as HAZMAT. Mouthwash containing alcohol, aerosol sprays, nail polish, perfume and certain thermometers.

Some HAZMAT can only be shipped by ground.

Some prohibited HAZMAT can be sent via other carriers.

Shipping rules

Labels matter:

- If it's HAZMAT, label it.
- If it's not, don't reuse a HAZMAT box.

Identity it

Declare it

Label it

Use the right USPS service

\$7.50 hazardous materials handling fee, for qualifying shipments sent via Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express.

Can't send these (US mail)		
Air bags	Explosives	Liquid mercury
Ammunition	Gasoline	Marijuana (medical or otherwise)

\$50
Non-compliance charge per shipment

Penalties for non-compliance

- Non-compliance:**
- Not declared

Not labeled

Not HAZMAT, but in a HAZMAT labeled box



Simplify shipping HAZMAT items and reduce compliance risk with Pitney Bowes shipping software.

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