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Automated USPS Forms

Today, per requirements for service in CA for a case I'm working on, I filled out 4 sets of USPS forms for certified mail, return receipt request, and priority mail. It was a total of 12 forms, requiring me to fill out address after address until my hand cramped into an eagle's claw. Best of all, this all happened at 5:30 pm just as the doors were closing and all the clerks were staring daggers into my back for keeping them there past closing time.

There has to be a better way.

Is there software out there to print these forms out at home? Perhaps an online service? Should I preprint a bunch of Avery labels and just stick them onto the USPS forms in the appropriate places?

Handwriting this stuff is just so...last millenium....

Gene Lee

I have started to use the Automated Post Office machines at the U.S.P.S., which avoids the lines, and although you do have to fill out the Certified stuff, at least you can avoid the daggers.
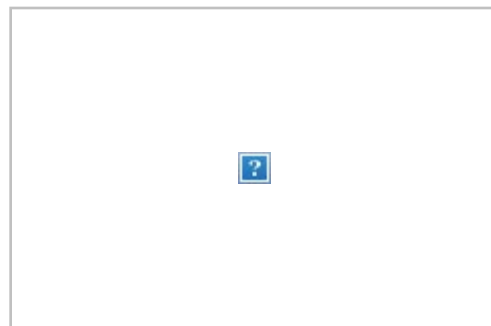
Art Macomber

I haven't used them in awhile but when I worked in the corporate world we had forms that had certified mail and return receipt cards on one form. There was a software program where you entered the info and you fed the form to your printer. I believe the name of the software company was lasersub.com. I do not know the cost. As I said I was in the corporate world at the time so it didn't come out of my pocket. Ah those were the days!

Marian Palma Cardona, Parksville, Missouri

Try Stamps.com. The Premier service lets you print certified mail forms. Caveat: The premier Service costs about $30 something. Plus you need the label printer ($100) and the labels.

If you do a lot of certified, maybe is worth it.

Ivan Gil Rosado-Alfonso

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I have a ton of labels that I carry with me for certified mail. You can also get labels for your computer and print them. I hate writing stuff by hand also.

 Andrea Goldman, Newton, Massachusetts

Look at these:

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Edward P. Sager

Take a look at stamps.com and endicia.com. They have forms to print with their software, but I have not used them. I use stamps.com at the office and endicia.com for my product fulfillment business that I operate from home.

Mike Phillips

Cary, North Carolina

I preprint the Avery labels, and keep a bunch of the CM & RR forms at my office so I can assemble everything there, and then just bring them to the post office.

Leanna Hamill, Hingham, Massachusetts

Great suggestions all around! Many thanks everyone, I got some excellent ideas here I'm going to implement.   Gene Lee

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