

Top 10 Postage Meter Hidden Fees

Before deciding to get a postage meter ensure that you understand all the costs associated with a meter, especially the costs your meter representative may not tell you about.



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Installation

Yes, you have to pay to have your postage meter installed. Make sure you know how much it will cost before signing the contract.

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Postage Meter Ink

Postage meter ink can be up to 100 times more expensive than inkjet printer ink. Keep this in mind when you are calculating costs.

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Annual Account Access Fees

Many postage meter companies will raise your rates every year depending on your usage over the past year.

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Property Taxes

Property tax is an added fee you typically pay each year that is a percentage of the value of your equipment.

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Equipment Insurance & Maintenance

These fees are typically added to your bill monthly and can significantly increase your cost. Insurance can add an extra \$12 a month to your bill. It doesn't seem like a lot but adds up over the life of your contract.

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Cancellation Fees

Ending your contract early can trigger an "early termination fee" which could cost your business hundreds if not thousands of dollars.

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Over Limit Fee

Applied when postage downloaded to a meter within a purchase power billing cycle exceeds the download threshold.

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Postal Rate Change Fees

As you know the USPS often changes prices each year. With postage meters you will be charged potentially hundreds of dollars to upgrade the software to the latest rates.

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Refill / Reset Fees

Reset fees are "processing" or other charges added to the amount of postage you buy. For example, if you load \$200 into your postage meter, there is often a \$5-10 fee that is charged on top of the postage.

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Company Logo or Seasonal Images

Want to spruce up your mail with a company logo or seasonal image? In order to have imagery next to your postage you could be charged up to \$95 per image.

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