

The following is information on the mail service to Ukraine and contact information for Peace Corps Headquarters.

PLEASE LEAVE THIS PAPER WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

to facilitate mail and packages arriving to you in a timely and secure manner.

For all Ukraine-related inquiries, please contact:

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Ukraine Desk/EMA Region
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Washington, DC 20526*

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MAILING GUIDELINES

This is the office address of the Peace Corps in Ukraine and is used for everyone during their training period. **Mail** sent here will always be available for Volunteers, but it is quicker to use a direct address at their permanent site. Once the training period is completed, it is recommended that Volunteers establish a post office box at their permanent site.

This is the best address to use:

**U.S. Peace Corps/Ukraine
PCV (Name of Volunteer)
P.O. Box 298
01030
Kyiv, Ukraine**

If a street address is required:

**U.S. Peace Corps/Ukraine
PCV (Name of Volunteer)
48 Bohdana Khmelnytskoho Street
01030
Kyiv, Ukraine**

Packages sent to the Peace Corps office during the pre-service training period should be SMALL. Following Volunteers May swearing-in, it will be easier for them if packages are sent directly to their permanent site address, which they will provide to you. Ask family and friends to send personal mail directly to PCV mailing address (not the Peace Corps Office in Kyiv) as soon as possible after his/her arriving to the site. There is little room to store packages mailed to Volunteers to the Peace Corps office address. Such packages are held in Kyiv until the Volunteer can pick it up.

Packages from the States normally take about two months to arrive in Ukraine via surface mail, and two to three weeks via USPS airmail. The Ukrainian post office charges a set rate per parcel which each Volunteer must pay to retrieve the packages. Some Volunteers have had difficulties or problems receiving packages at their sites, particularly in situation when illicit items are included to the parcel and there is no local customs office in the town where site is located.

The phone number of the Peace Corps office in Kyiv is 011-380-44-247-6840 (from U.S.)

Tips For Mail

Suggestions for ensuring packages arrive from the US:

- The contents should be valued less than \$99. This price includes parcel value only.
- Keep the measurement of the package as small as possible.
- It is recommended to send padded envelopes instead of boxes, as boxes are obligatory opened and checked. Even big padded envelopes come through reliably and unopened. This is the result of different transportation procedure for boxes and envelopes.
- Family and friends should not send culturally sensitive messages or valuables. Parcels containing valuables can't be picked up without additional official permissions and these items are strongly not recommended for sending.
- You should avoid sending valuable items (cameras, radio devices, mobiles, DVD-players, etc.) through the regular postal service. All incoming mail goes through custom/security check; any parcel without documents (packing list or invoice) might be opened for inspection by local authority. Proper documentation (parcel content list) is strongly advised.
- Money transfer is **PROHIBITED**; it would be confiscated from parcel in the customs on official manner.
- Ukrainian Customs Law does not allow jewelry, any kind of medicines, foods, plants, seeds etc. to be sent across the border. These parcels **CANNOT** be passed through Ukrainian customs and will be sent back.
- The most inexpensive way to mail books is international mail-book rate.
- Check out the option of using a mailing service such as those listed below. ("Meest" is recommended as it's "door-to-door" guarantee inexpensive delivery service around Ukraine)
- More information can be obtained from http://www.kbp.kiev.ua/custom_control/

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| Mail Services: | DHL Worldwide Express (provides services to Kyiv, Odesa, Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Zaporizhia, Kharkiv, Lviv, Mykolayiv and their oblasts on select days) | USPS Express Mail (does not serve villages and P.O. Boxes) | Federal Express (provides services to Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Odesa, Kharkiv, Lviv, Chernivtsi) | United Parcel Service (provides services to Dnipropetrovsk, Mariupol, Donetsk, Mykolayiv, Zaporizhia, Cherkasy, Odesa, Ilichevsk, Simferopol, Lviv, Kyiv, Kharkiv) | Meest Co. Guaranteed service throughout Ukraine, and from Ukraine to the US and US to Ukraine | Trans Europa \$2.00/Lb - Air; \$1.00/Lb - Surface; \$18.00/Lb - Handling Charge |
| Contact Information: | Palace of Sports, 1, Sportyvna Ploscha, Kyiv, Ukraine Tel: 011 380 44 221-5095 Fax: 011 380 44 221-5783 www.dhl.com/wrd/ua.html | 3, Vokzalna Ploscha, Kyiv, Ukraine Tel.: 011 380 44 227-0260 www.usps.com | Druzhba hotel # 704, 5, Druzhby Narodiv Vul., Kyiv, Ukraine Tel/Fax: 011 380 44 268-9135 Tel.:011-380-44261-8241 www.fedex.com | 11 Ulyanovykh St., Kyiv, Ukraine Tel.:011 380 44 269-2104 Fax.: 011 380 44 274-5024 http://www.ups.com/europe/ua/engindex.html | Phone : (800) 361-7345, fax: (416) 236-2110. Email: info@meest.net www.meest.net | 7720 Bustleton Ave., Philadelphia, PA , 19152; Tel.: (215) 725-3676 no website |

List of MEEST Agents in US*

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| OHIO EXPORT CORP. 6026 STATE RD., CLEVELAND, OH, 44134, USA | Phone: 440-884-1738 Fax: 440-884-1730 |
| UNIVERSAL TRAVEL SERVICE 8300 BUSTLETON AVE., PHILADELPHIA, PA, 19152, USA | Phone: 215-725-0377 Fax: 215-725-0447 |
| VERA KOVAL 1435 S.E. 148 AVE., PORTLAND, OR, 97233, USA | Phone: 503-257-0870 Fax: 503-257-0870 |
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