

The Vanilla Reload Card

If you go to [5dimes.com](https://www.5dimes.com) and you click on “**Funding Methods**” you will see a few exotic names for some of the funding methods: Vanilla Reload, Reloadit, Bitcoin, MoneyPak, Neteller, Skrill Moneybookers, etc

I don't really understand most of these funding methods.

Until this morning.

I was at a **CVS** store on my way to work this morning (I work in Manhattan, New York in the midtown area) and I was by the section where they have **prepaid debit cards** and a name on one of the cards jumped out at me because I saw it before at the 5dimes funding page.

I saw the Vanilla Reload card.

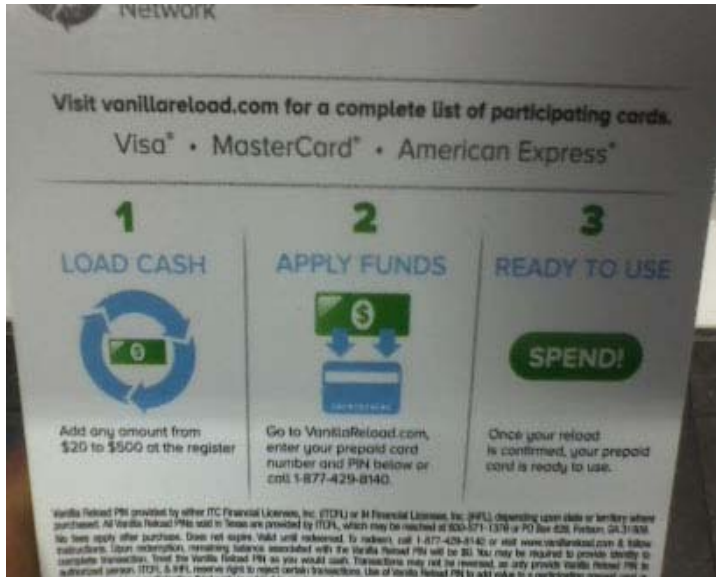
The way this card works is that you buy it (this one costs \$3.95) and then you add money to it, anywhere from \$20 to \$500. Then you call up 5dimes, give them the number on your card and the money instantly hits your 5dimes account. This is very convenient and fast!

Actually, I took a picture of it.

Here is the front.



Here is the back.



HOWEVER, **the 5dimes funding methods** (ways you can put money in your account) **change all the time** (Western Union used to be a good way to fund your account - but not anymore. Now you have to use MoneyGram).

I say that because if you click on the Vanilla Reload page, you will get this:

Vanilla Reload

How to deposit funds to your 5Dimes account using Vanilla Reload

Vanilla Reload deposits are currently NOT available.

Easy, cheap and convenient way to send money to your 5Dimes account whenever you need it. No ident
Thousands of stores nationwide sell Vanilla Reloads; [click here](#) to find a seller near you. Available for US
Purchase a Vanilla Reload of \$250 and \$500 at a participating retailer for a reimbursable fee of \$4.95. O
Deposits can be made by simply providing the 10 digit Vanilla Reload code to a Customer Service Repres
required information. (Subject to availability.)

So this method of funding your 5dimes account is no longer valid.

There are a couple of lessons to be learned from all this.

Here are 4 that I can think of right now.

LESSON 1: There are other ways to fund your 5dimes account besides MoneyGram.

LESSON 2: Just because you see a funding method listed on their “Funding Methods” page does not mean that funding method is still active. It may no longer be a valid funding method – but they have not removed it from the list.

LESSON 3: The funding methods at 5dimes are always changing.

LESSON 4: Always call their 800 number and ask about any particular funding method you are interested in before you purchase any prepaid debit card.

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