

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE POSTMARK CHANGES

Effective December 24, 2025, the USPS will treat the machine-applied postmark date as: “The date of the first automated processing operation at a USPS processing facility.”

The official “postmark date” under the new rule could be later than the actual mailing date. The new USPS rule outlines these methods to ensure a postmark is on the date of delivery:

IN ORDER TO AVOID LATE PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT PENALTIES:

- Request a Manual Postmark: USPS customers may present a mail piece at a retail counter and request a “manual (local) postmark”. This postmark is applied at the time of acceptance, so the date aligns with the date the USPS took possession.
- Postage Validation Imprint (PVI): When a customer pays for postage at a retail counter, the PVI label applied by the employee also indicates the date of acceptance
- Certificates of Mailing: Customers may purchase a Certificate of Mailing, or use Registered or Certified Mail, to obtain a receipt that serves as evidence of the date the item was presented for mailing

USPS POSTMARK CHANGE
STARTING DEC 24, 2025

OLD WAY
(Before Dec 24, 2025)

DEC 27
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Postmark = Day of Drop-off
(e.g., Dec 27)

NEW WAY
(Starting Dec 24, 2025)

DEC 28
OR
DEC 29
Postmark = Day of Processing
(e.g., Dec 28, 29... +1-2 Days Delay)

CRITICAL FOR DEADLINES (Taxes, Ballots, etc.)

IF YOU NEED SAME-DAY POSTMARK:
Go to the USPS Counter & Request a Manual Postmark!

PSA Shared on December 27, 2025. Stay Informed!