



Retail Service Talk

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Holiday Mailing Dates

Our Peak mailing season is quickly approaching. More and more retailers are encouraging their customers to order their gifts earlier so they can send their packages sooner. This means more mail and packages will be arriving sooner in our units. To provide a superior customer experience, it is important to inform our customers, as soon as possible, of our mailing deadlines. Here are our *Holiday Shipping Cut-Off Dates*.

2018 Holiday Shipping Cut Off Dates:

Domestic:

Domestic Mail Class/Product	Cut Off Date
First Class Mail	Dec-20
Priority Mail	Dec-20
Priority Mail Express*	Dec-22
USPS Retail Ground	Dec-14
DNDC Drop Ship	Dec-18
DDU Drop Ship	Dec-21

*Priority Mail Express postage refund eligibility is adjusted for shipments mailed Dec 22-25

Military:

Military Mail Addressed To/From	Priority Mail Express Military TM Service (PMEMS) ^{1/}	First-Class Mail [®] Letters and Cards	Priority Mail [®]	Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL) ^{2/}	Space Available Mail (SAM) ^{3/}	USPS Retail Ground TM
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 090-092	Dec-18	Dec-11	Dec-11	Dec-4	Nov-27	Nov-6
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIP 093	N/A	Dec-4	Dec-4	Dec-4	Nov-27	Nov-6
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 094-098	Dec-18	Dec-11	Dec-11	Dec-4	Nov-27	Nov-6
APO/FPO/DPO AA ZIP 340	Dec-18	Dec-11	Dec-11	Dec-4	Nov-27	Nov-6
APO/FPO/DPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec-18	Dec-11	Dec-11	Dec-4	Nov-27	Nov-6

International:

International Mail Addressed To	Global Express Guaranteed® (GXG)**	Priority Mail Express International® (PMEI)	Priority Mail International® (PMI)	First-Class Package International Service® (FCPIS)
Africa	pending	Dec-8	Dec-1	Dec-1
Asia/Pacific Rim		Dec-15	Dec-8	Dec-8
Australia/New Zealand		Dec-15	Dec-8	Dec-8
Canada		Dec-15	Dec-8	Dec-8
Caribbean		Dec-15	Dec-8	Dec-8
Central & South America		Dec-8	Dec-1	Dec-1
Mexico		Dec-15	Dec-8	Dec-8
Europe		Dec-15	Dec-8	Dec-8
Middle East		Dec-15	Dec-8	Dec-8

***GXG Notes: 1) Cutoff date does not take into account time needed for customs clearance. 2) Should allocate extra Transit day(s) for delivery outside major cities.

SURFAC		AIR		EMS
LC/A	CP	LC/AO	CP	
Dec-	Dec-1	Dec-8	Dec-8	Dec-20

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⁺Provides mailing guidelines for foreign postal partners in order to meet December 25 delivery.

Remember no one processes and delivers more mail and packages than our clerks and carriers. This is *our season* and our time to shine. *Let's make this year, our best year ever!*