



# Canada Post Christmas Send-By Dates 2026

Send-by dates for Christmas delivery, earliest to latest

| DATE                 | WHAT HAPPENS                                                                                                            | DONE                     |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Thu., Dec. 3</b>  | Tracked Packet or Small Packet to Africa, Central/South America, Caribbean; cards to Africa                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Wed., Dec. 9</b>  | Santa letters; Small Packet/Tracked Packet to Asia, Australia, China, Europe, India, N.Z., Middle East; cards to Europe | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Thu., Dec. 10</b> | Xpresspost International to Africa, Central/South America, Caribbean; domestic Regular Parcel, National Zone            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Fri., Dec. 11</b> | Xpresspost Intl to Asia, India, N.Z., Middle East; Small/Tracked Packet to UK, Japan, U.S., FR/DE/NL/CH; cards to U.S.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Mon., Dec. 14</b> | Xpresspost Intl to Australia, China, Japan; Expedited Parcel USA; domestic Expedited, National Zone                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Tue., Dec. 15</b> | Xpresspost International to Europe, UK, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Wed., Dec. 16</b> | Domestic Regular Parcel, Regional Zone                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Thu., Dec. 17</b> | Xpresspost USA                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Fri., Dec. 18</b> | Domestic Expedited Parcel, Regional Zone; domestic cards, National Zone                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Mon., Dec. 21</b> | Domestic Regular Parcel, Local Zone; domestic cards, Regional Zone                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Tue., Dec. 22</b> | Expedited Parcel or flat rate box, Local Zone; Xpresspost, Regional and National; domestic cards, Local Zone            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Wed., Dec. 23</b> | Priority, all three zones; Xpresspost, Local Zone                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Fri., Dec. 25</b> | Christmas Day: no collection or delivery                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Mon., Dec. 28</b> | Boxing Day observed: no collection or delivery                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## My notes

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Source: Canada Post, Plan your holiday sending, Santa letter program and holiday schedule, checked Oct. 26, 2026. Dates are between major urban centres and depend on origin and destination; some restrictions apply.