



December 2026 Important Dates Calendar

Holidays, sky events and deadlines for the month

December 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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1	Fri., Dec. 4 to Fri., Dec. 11	Hanukkah candle-lighting nights (begins at sundown Dec. 4)	☐
2	Mon., Dec. 7	Medicare open enrollment ends; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	☐
3	Wed., Dec. 9	USPS: last recommended day for international First-Class Package and Priority Mail	☐
4	Fri., Dec. 11	Federal funding runs out unless Congress acts	☐
5	Sun., Dec. 13	Geminid meteor shower peaks, night of Dec. 13-14	☐
6	Tue., Dec. 15	HealthCare.gov deadline for coverage starting Jan. 1	☐
7	Thu., Dec. 17	USPS Ground Advantage and First-Class Mail, to arrive by Christmas	☐
8	Fri., Dec. 18	USPS Priority Mail, to arrive by Christmas	☐
9	Sat., Dec. 19	USPS Priority Mail Express, to arrive by Christmas	☐
10	Mon., Dec. 21	Winter solstice, 3:50 p.m. EST	☐
11	Wed., Dec. 23	Cold Moon, full at 8:28 p.m. EST, a supermoon	☐
12	Thu., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve; NYSE closes at 1 p.m. ET	☐
13	Fri., Dec. 25	Christmas Day, federal holiday	☐
14	Thu., Dec. 31	New Year's Eve	☐

Source: OPM federal holidays; Hebcal (Hanukkah); USNO (solstice, full moon); USPS holiday shipping dates; CMS (Medicare); HealthCare.gov; Public Law for the Dec. 11 funding date; NYSE holiday hours; 36 U.S.C. 129. All shipping dates are USPS recommendations, not guarantees.