

Christmas Eve 2026 Last-Minute Checklist

Christmas Eve
Thu., Dec. 24

Thursday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 25, 2026 · closing times, what's open on Christmas Day, and your errands

Thu., Dec. 17
USPS Ground Advantage and First-Class deadline

Sat., Dec. 19
USPS Priority Mail Express deadline

Thu., Dec. 24
Stores close early; stocks close 1 p.m. ET

Fri., Dec. 25
Christmas Day: most stores, banks and mail closed

Sat., Dec. 26
Stores reopen; returns start

CHRISTMAS EVE CLOSING TIMES

Store	Closes Dec. 24	Hours from
Home Depot	5 p.m.	2026 ✓
Walmart	6 p.m.	2025
Sam's Club	6 p.m.	2025
Costco	5 p.m.	2025
H-E-B	8 p.m.	2025
Trader Joe's	5 p.m.	2025
Target	Varies by store	2025
Whole Foods	Varies by store	2025

USUALLY OPEN CHRISTMAS DAY

Many CVS and Walgreens stores (pharmacy hours vary), 7-Eleven, some McDonald's, Starbucks in hotels and airports, movie theaters. Call ahead.

CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

Walmart, Target, Costco, Sam's Club, Home Depot, Lowe's, Kroger, Publix, Aldi, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods; banks, post offices and the stock market.

CHRISTMAS DAY PLAN

Morning

Midday

Dinner

Calls and visits

LAST ERRANDS

- ☐ Pick up the last gifts (by the store's closing time)
- ☐ Batteries, tape, gift bags and wrapping paper
- ☐ Groceries for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
- ☐ Prescriptions refilled before the holiday
- ☐ Gas in the car; cash for tips
- ☐ Gift receipts in an envelope
- ☐ Holiday cards for anyone missed
- ☐ Charge phones, cameras and new devices

MY OWN LIST

Home Depot 2026 hours from its newsroom; the others are 2025 Christmas Eve hours as reported by Spectrum News on Dec. 23, 2025, and will be updated when 2026 hours are announced. Hours vary by location. USPS 2026 holiday shipping deadlines; NYSE 2026 calendar.