Letters to Santa 2026: USPS and Canada Post Dates

Letter writing, adoption and last-send dates, in order

Christmas Day
Fri., Dec. 25



DATE	DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS DAY	UNITED STATES	CANADA	DONE
Mon., Sept. 14	**102**	Mailroom starts accepting letters to Santa		☐
Mon., Nov. 2	**53**	Registration opens for adopters		☐
Mon., Nov. 16	**39**	Letter adoption starts		☐
Sat., Dec. 5	**20**	Last day to send letters; postmarked by this date		☐
Wed., Dec. 9	**16**		Send your letter to Santa by this date	☐
Sat., Dec. 12	**13**	Last day to adopt; recommended gift ship-by date		☐

My notes

Source: USPS Operation Santa (uspsoperationsanta.com) and Canada Post Santa letter program, read Nov. 4, 2026. Neither promises a reply or a gift.