USPS Christmas Send-By Dates 2026

Recommended send-by dates for delivery before Dec. 25. Delivery dates are not guaranteed.

December 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 ①	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 ②	17 ③	18 ④	19 ⑤
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

①	**Wed., Dec. 9**	International First-Class Package and Priority Mail; military First-Class Mail and Priority Mail	☐
②	**Wed., Dec. 16**	Priority Mail Express International; military Priority Mail Express where offered	☐
③	**Thu., Dec. 17**	Ground Advantage and First-Class Mail, lower 48 states	☐
④	**Fri., Dec. 18**	Priority Mail, lower 48 states	☐
⑤	**Sat., Dec. 19**	Priority Mail Express, lower 48 states	☐

My notes

Source: U.S. Postal Service, 2026 Holiday Shipping Deadlines, and its Sept. 22, 2026 announcement. Ground Advantage to Alaska, Hawaii and the territories has a service expectation of 10 days or more; military Ground Advantage dates are earlier (Nov. 4). Check your ZIP Codes at usps.com.