

## 2012 Holiday Shipping Deadlines

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The Postal Service wants to make sure that you send all of your holiday mail in time for your family and friends to receive and enjoy for the holidays. Therefore, in order to ensure timely delivery of your cards, letters or packages, please note the shipping deadlines for the following different types of mail.

For further information on the 2012 Holiday Shipping Deadlines please go to <https://www.usps.com/shippingdates/welcome.htm>.

### Domestic Mail Deadline

Domestic Mail Class	Deadline
FIRST CLASS MAIL®	DEC. 20
PRIORITY MAIL®	DEC. 21
EXPRESS MAIL®*	DEC. 22
PARCEL POST®	DEC. 14

\* Express Mail postage refund eligibility is adjusted for shipments mailed Dec. 22-25

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### Military Mail Deadlines

Military Mail Addressed To:	Express Mail Military Service (EMMS) <sup>1</sup>	First Class Mail Letters And Cards	Priority Mail	Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL) <sup>2</sup>	Space Available Mail (SAM) <sup>3</sup>	Parcel Post
APO/FPO AE ZIPs <b>090-092</b>	DEC. 17	DEC. 10	DEC. 10	DEC. 3	NOV. 26	NOV. 13
APO/FPO AE ZIP <b>093</b>	N/A	DEC. 3	DEC. 3	NOV. 30	NOV. 26	NOV. 13
APO/FPO AE ZIPs <b>094-098</b>	DEC. 17	DEC. 10	DEC. 10	DEC. 3	NOV. 26	NOV. 13
APO/FPO AE ZIP <b>340</b>	DEC. 17	DEC. 10	DEC. 10	DEC. 3	NOV. 26	NOV. 13
APO/FPO AE ZIPs <b>962-966</b>	DEC. 17	DEC. 10	DEC. 10	DEC. 3	NOV. 26	NOV. 13

#### Notes:

<sup>1</sup> **EMMS:** is available to selected military / diplomatic post offices. Check with your local Post Office to determine if this service is available to an APO/FPO/DPO address.

<sup>2</sup> **PAL:** is a service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. It is available for Parcel Post items not exceeding 30 pounds in weight or 60 inches in length and girth combined. The applicable PAL fee must be paid in addition to the regular surface price for each addressed piece sent by PAL service.

<sup>3</sup> **SAM:** parcels are paid at Parcel Post prices with maximum weight and size limits of 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined. SAM parcels are first transported domestically by surface and then to overseas destinations by air on a space-available basis.

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#### Outbound International Mail Deadlines (Shipping TO a foreign country)

International Mail Addressed To:	Global Express Guaranteed® (GXG)**	Express Mail International® (EMS)	Priority Mail International™ (PMI)	First-Class Mail International™
AFRICA	DEC. 19	DEC. 11	DEC. 3	DEC. 3
ASIA/PACIFIC RIM	DEC. 18	DEC. 15	DEC. 10	DEC. 10
AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND	DEC. 18	DEC. 15	DEC. 10	DEC. 10
CANADA	DEC. 20	DEC. 17	DEC. 13	DEC. 10
CARIBBEAN	DEC. 19	DEC. 15	DEC. 13	DEC. 10
CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA	DEC. 19	DEC. 11	DEC. 3	DEC. 3
MEXICO	DEC. 20	DEC. 15	DEC. 10	DEC. 10
EUROPE	DEC. 19	DEC. 15	DEC. 13	DEC. 10
MIDDLE EAST	DEC. 19	DEC. 15	DEC. 13	DEC. 10

#### Notes:

\*\* GXG Notes: 1) Cutoff date does not take into account time needed for customs clearance. 2) Should allocate extra transit day(s) for delivery outside major cities. 3) Last day to ship to Afghanistan is Dec 18 and Iraq is Dec 17.

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