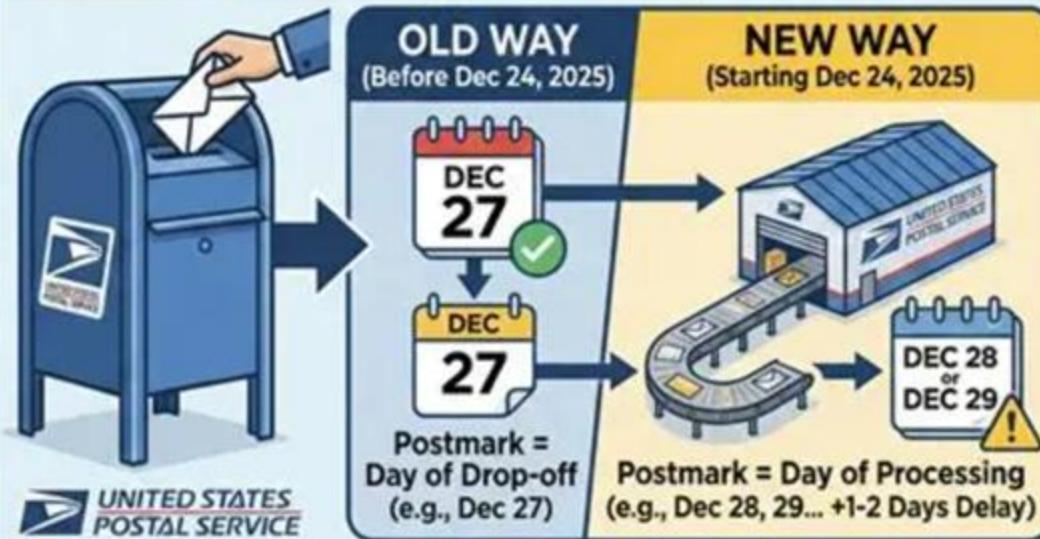


# USPS POSTMARK CHANGE

STARTING DEC 24, 2025



**CRITICAL FOR DEADLINES (Taxes, Ballots, etc.)**



**IF YOU NEED SAME-DAY POSTMARK:**  
**Go to the USPS Counter & Request a Manual Postmark!**



The United States Postal Service updated its explanation on how its postmark process works. As of December 2025, it clarifies that a postmark is issued when a piece of mail gets to a regional processing hub rather than when it gets to a local postal office. This will potentially cause a 1-3-day delay before the official postmark data, impacting deadlines for taxes, bills, and ballots.

**Methods to ensure tax payments and bills are received before the due date:**

- Request a manual postmark stamp at the USPS counter.
- Use the drop box at the Colden Town Hall, located at the back entrance on the right.
- Make your payment online at [www.townofcolden.com](http://www.townofcolden.com)
- Pay in person before the due date at the Colden Clerk's office
- Mail your payment using Certified/Registered mail

We discourage the use of online banking for tax payments because the bank cannot guarantee your payment will be delivered to our office by the due date. Please be aware that online banking checks are mailed to the Town from a payment processing center by bulk mail; there is NO postmark on the envelope. US Postmark is **REQUIRED** as proof of payment date. **If you utilize online banking, you do so at your own risk.** Please make sure you use our correct mailing address:

Town of Colden  
PO Box 335  
Colden, NY 14033