

Postal Service ready to deliver cards-packages by the holidays

As the “Official Shipper of the Holidays,” the United States Postal Service this week released the suggested mail-by dates to ensure packages, cards, and letters reach their intended destination before the 2011 celebrations begin.

Dates are provided as a guide for dropping holiday wishes into the mail.

Postmarking for domestic mail – mailed from and delivered within the U.S. – and international mail destined for overseas should occur by:

Domestic Mail Product	Mail-by Date
First-Class Mail	Dec. 20
Priority Mail	Dec. 21
Express Mail	Dec. 22
Parcel Post	Dec. 15
DNDC Drop Ship	Dec. 19
DDU Drop Ship	Dec. 22

International Mail Addressed To	Global Express Guaranteed® (GXG)1***	Express Mail® Inter-national (EMS)2	Priority Mail® Inter-national (PMI)3	First-Class Mail®
Africa	Dec-20	Dec-10	Dec-2	Dec-2
Asia/Pacific Rim	Dec-19	Dec-15	Dec-9	Dec-9
Australia/New Zealand	Dec-19	Dec-15	Dec-9	Dec-9

Canada	Dec-21	Dec-16	Dec-12	Dec-9
Caribbean	Dec-20	Dec-15	Dec-12	Dec-9
Central & South America	Dec-20	Dec-10	Dec-2	Dec-2
Mexico	Dec-21	Dec-15	Dec-9	Dec-9
Europe	Dec-20	Dec-15	Dec-12	Dec-9
Middle East	Dec-20	Dec-15	Dec-12	Dec-9

Military and APO/FPO mail	Class of mail and mail-by-date					
	Express Mail® Military Service (EMMS)1	First-Class Mail® Service	Priority Mail® Service	Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL)2	Space Available Mail (SAM)3	Parcel Post® Service
APO/FPO/DPO AE	Dec. 17	Dec. 10	Dec. 10	Dec. 3	Nov. 26	Nov. 12
ZIPs™ 090-092						
APO/FPO/DPO AE	N/A	Dec. 3	Dec. 3	Dec. 1	Nov. 26	Nov. 12
ZIP 093						
APO/FPO/DPO AE	Dec. 17	Dec. 10	Dec. 10	Dec. 3	Nov. 26	Nov. 12
ZIPs 094-098						
APO/FPO/DPO AA	Dec. 17	Dec. 10	Dec. 10	Dec. 3	Nov. 26	Nov. 12
ZIP 340						

APO/FPO/DPO						
AP	Dec. 17	Dec. 10	Dec. 10	Dec. 3	Nov. 26	Nov. 12
ZIPs						
962-966						