NOTICE

USPS Postmark changes Effective 12/24/25

On Dec. 24, 2025, the USPS updated its Domestic Mail Manual (DMM 608.11) with language that postmarks 'do not inherently or necessarily align with the date on which the Postal Service first accepted possession of the mail piece.' The USPS acknowledges that 'this lack of alignment has and will become more common' as it continues implementing its network consolidation plan.

Postmarks applied at the processing facility will display the date of the first automated processing operation performed on the item. Postmarks applied at a retail unit will reflect the date the item was accepted at the retail unit.

Please consider this change when mailing time sensitive items to the Assessor's Office, for example Income & Expense reports and Personal Property declarations.

The Assessor's Office is not responsible for postal delivery delays or processing changes that result in late filing of time sensitive documents.

If you want to ensure that your mail receives a postmark on the day you mail it, request a manual postmark. You can request a manual postmark at no extra charge at any Post Office. Since it is stamped upon acceptance at the retail counter, the date aligns with the actual deposit.

For more information, click the link below:
https://about.usps.com/newsroom/statements/010226-postmarking-myths-and-facts.htm