



The USPS has updated its postmarking procedures

The United States Postal Service ("USPS") has updated its postmarking procedures, which may lead to delays in postmark dates for mail, affecting time-sensitive documents like tax returns and ballots.

Postmark Information from: **USPS.COM**

If you want to ensure that your mail receives a postmark on the day you mail it, ask a retail associate at a Post Office retail counter to hand-cancel it for free. Learn more on the USPS [website](#). ← That link takes you directly to the Frequently Asked Questions page on Postmarking Your Mail.

USPS POSTMARK CHANGE

OLD WAY

Jan 15 → Jan 15

Postmark = Day of Drop of
(ex. Jan. 15)

NEW WAY

Jan 15 → Jan 16 or 17

Postmark = Day of Processing
(ex. Jan. 16, 17... +1-2 days delay)

NEED SAME-DAY POSTMARK? (taxes, ballots, etc.)

Go to the USPS Counter and request a Manual Postmark!

The infographic is divided into three main sections. The top section, titled "USPS POSTMARK CHANGE", is on a light blue background. Below this, the "OLD WAY" section (grey background) shows two calendar pages for Jan 15 with an arrow between them, and text stating "Postmark = Day of Drop of (ex. Jan. 15)". The "NEW WAY" section (yellow background) shows a calendar page for Jan 15 with an arrow pointing to a calendar page for Jan 16 or 17, with text stating "Postmark = Day of Processing (ex. Jan. 16, 17... +1-2 days delay)". The right side of the infographic has a green background. It features an illustration of a hand putting a yellow envelope into a blue mailbox labeled "MAIL". Below this, it says "NEED SAME-DAY POSTMARK? (taxes, ballots, etc.)". At the bottom right, it says "Go to the USPS Counter and request a Manual Postmark!" with an illustration of a person at a counter.