

In December of 2025, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), changed how they postmark mail. Historically, when you dropped off an item at the Post Office it was postmarked that day. The new procedure is that when the mail leaves your local post office, it is NOT postmarked until it reaches the regional office.

This effectively could show a date one or two days later than you dropped it at the Post Office.

This could result in **late** filed payments and returns.

Postmark date considered timely filed applies to:

- Federal tax returns
- Claims for refund or credit
- Tax payments

If You Mail a Tax Return or Payment:

If you are mailing a tax return or payment, we recommend you:

- Mail it several business days before the deadline.
- Bring it to a USPS retail counter and ask for a manual postmark.
- Mail it certified or registered mail.

Alternatively, you could pay Electronically:

You could have tax payments automatically withdrawn when we file your returns or you could pay them electronically yourself.

You can learn more about electronic options at:

Federal irs.gov/payments

Minnesota www.revenue.state.mn.us/make-payment

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