

INFORMATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR AND CAMBRIA COUNTY

Information on postmarked mail and how it can affect your payments.

Good Morning,

Below is information that a coworker received in her taxes from another County. I have also included a link to the USPS website discussing postmarks. I would recommend that if your municipality has a website or social media page that you ask them to post something about these changes. I can say that even we at the County have had to make adjustments for processing and mailing payments so they are received in a timely manner as the mail is taking longer as well. Education is the key. This "change" will be something that taxpayers have to understand moving forward.

2 - United State Postal Services (USPS)

The USPS has issued the following statement :

"...While we are not changing our postmarking practices, we have made adjustments to our transportation operations that will result in some mailpieces not arriving at our originating processing facilities on the same day that they are mailed. This means that the date on the postmark applied at our processing facilities will not necessarily match the date on which the customer's mailpiece was collected by a letter carrier or dropped off at a retail location.

As before, a customer can ensure that a postmark is applied to his or her mailpiece, and that the date on the postmark matches the date of mailing, by visiting a Postal Service retail location and requesting a manual (local) postmark at the retail counter when tendering their mailpiece. Manual postmarks will be applied free of charge."

As a tax collector, I use the postmark to verify timely payments. Due to this new USPS policy, taxpayers may experience a delay of one to two days between submitting their payment in a mailbox, in a blue collection box or mail slot at their local post office and the date it is processed. To avoid late fees, please mail your payments several days ahead of the deadline to make sure they are received prior to a deadline date.



Postmarks: 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](#)

https://faq.usps.com/s/article/Requirements-and-Standards-for-Sending-Domestic-Mail?_gl=1*age5qh*_ga*MTk5MjgzNzk4OC4xNzY3MTA0MDC5*_ga_QM3XHZ2B95*czE3NzI3MjA4NjMkbzUkZzAkDDE3NzI3MjA4NjMkajYwJGwwJGgw#postmarks