

## IMPORTANT NOTICE: Upcoming USPS Postmark Changes That May Affect Mailing Deadlines

The United States Postal Service (USPS) has announced upcoming changes to how mail is processed that may impact time-sensitive documents. Beginning **August 2025**, most outgoing mail **no longer receive a postmark at your local post office** on the day it is dropped off.

## What's Changing?

Instead of being postmarked locally, letters will now be postmarked when they reach a **regional processing facility**.

For many Wisconsin residents this may mean:

- A **1-3 day delay** between when you drop off a letter and when it receives an official postmark.
- Weekend of holiday drop-offs may result in an even longer gap before postmarking.

This change is especially important for documents where the **postmark date determines** whether a filing or payment is on time, such as tax documents, legal filings, property tax payments, and other state or federal deadlines.

## What This Means for You

If you are submitting anything with a deadline that depends on the postmark date, please plan ahead to avoid delays. Consider:

- Mailing time-sensitive items several days early.
- Requesting a hand-stamped postmark at the post office counter.
- Using Certified Mail or Certificate of Mailing for added proof of mailing date.
- Making payments online through our website.
- Dropping off documents/payments to the Village Hall Drop Box. This is a secured drop box that is checked daily during regular business hours.

## **Stay Prepared**

We encourage residents to stay aware of these changes to ensure documents are submitted on time and not affected by processing delays.

If you have questions about whether a deadline depends on postmark dates, please consult the relevant agency or office prior to mailing.