

## **AARP Chapter #1100 December 2024 Newsletter**

### **Luncheon**

The December AARP luncheon is on Wednesday, December 11th. The main entree will be catered again. Members whose last names begin with A-K please bring a Side Dish or Salad to share; members whose names begin with L-Z please bring a Dessert.

Host & Hostess are Stan & Electa Beckner.

Please consider bringing a gift for the Door Prize drawings. It's always fun to see all the different items.

### **Dues Due! \$10**

Be sure to bring your dues into Jim Belk by the 2/12/2025 chapter luncheon. Unpaid dues will result in lapse of membership.

I apologize for the abbreviated newsletter this month. I am still in my arm sling following my shoulder surgery and am unable to use my right arm for several more weeks. I'm doing great, the surgery was successful, and I should be back to limited functionality at the start of the new year.

We'll be electing our 2025 officers this Wednesday. Please come out and vote!

=Enclosed are the UPS and USPS holiday shipping dates period be sure to get all your packages shipped before Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Jill Rarig

# USPS

## 2024 Holiday Shipping Dates for Contiguous U.S. (Lower 48 States)

Recommended send-by dates for expected delivery before December 25<sup>1</sup>

<u>Domestic Mail Class/Product</u>	<u>Date (excluding Alaska &amp; Hawaii)</u>
<u>USPS Ground Advantage<sup>®</sup> Service</u>	Dec. 18
<u>First-Class Mail<sup>®</sup> Service</u>	Dec. 18
<u>Priority Mail<sup>®</sup> Service</u>	Dec. 19
<u>Priority Mail Express<sup>®</sup> Service</u>	Dec. 21

## 2024 Holiday Shipping Dates for Alaska & Hawaii

Recommended send-by dates for expected delivery before December 25<sup>1</sup>

-	<u>USPS Ground Advantage<sup>®</sup> Service</u>	<u>First-Class Mail<sup>®</sup> Service</u>	<u>Priority Mail<sup>®</sup> Service</u>	<u>Priority Mail Express<sup>®</sup> Service</u>
<u>Alaska</u>	Dec. 16	Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20
<u>Hawaii</u>	Dec. 16	Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20



# 2024 Year-End Holiday Schedule

## 2024 Holiday Season Recommended Last Days to Ship for Dec. 24 Delivery

U.S. DOMESTIC <sup>1</sup>		U.S. TO CANADA <sup>1</sup>		U.S. TO MEXICO <sup>1</sup>		U.S. TO OTHER DESTINATIONS
SHIPPING SERVICES VIA	SHIP DATE	SHIPPING SERVICES VIA	SHIP DATE	SHIPPING SERVICES VIA	SHIP DATE	
UPS® Ground	Check <a href="https://www.ups.com/ctc">ups.com/ctc</a> for details	UPS® Standard <i>(From the 48 contiguous states only)</i>	Check <a href="https://www.ups.com/ctc">ups.com/ctc</a> for details	UPS® Standard services <i>(From the 48 contiguous states only)</i>	Check <a href="https://www.ups.com/ctc">ups.com/ctc</a> for details	For last days to ship from the U.S. to other international destinations, please visit Calculate Time and Cost at <a href="https://www.ups.com/ctc">ups.com/ctc</a> .
UPS 3 Day Select®	Dec. 19	UPS Worldwide Expedited®	Dec. 20	UPS Worldwide Expedited®	Dec. 19	
UPS 2nd Day Air®	Dec. 20	UPS Worldwide Express®	Dec. 23	UPS Worldwide Express® services	Dec. 20	
UPS Next Day Air®	Dec. 23					

<sup>1</sup>Shipments to certain destinations may require an earlier ship date. Check [ups.com/ctc](https://www.ups.com/ctc)

### THANKSGIVING

#### Wednesday, Nov. 27

Normal pickup and delivery service. All UPS Next Day Air® packages picked up Nov. 27 will be scheduled for delivery on Friday, Nov. 29. UPS 2nd Day Air® packages picked up Nov. 27 will be scheduled for delivery on Monday, Dec. 2 (except those processed and labeled for delivery on Saturday, Nov. 30).

#### Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day (UPS Holiday)

No UPS pickup or delivery service. UPS Express Critical® service (now provided by MNX) is available. Call 1-800-714-8779 or visit [mnx.com](https://www.mnx.com).

#### Friday, Nov. 29

Normal pickup and delivery service.

#### Notes

\*References to "UPS Air and International Air" packages include UPS Next Day® Early, UPS Next Day Air®, UPS Next Day Saver®, UPS 2nd Day Air A.M.®, UPS 2nd Day Air®, UPS Worldwide Express Plus®, UPS Worldwide Express®, UPS Worldwide Saver®, and UPS Worldwide Expedited®, and UPS Worldwide Express Freight® services.

Visit [ups.com](https://www.ups.com) for the UPS Tariff/Terms and Conditions of Service. The information contained in this schedule and all Service Guarantees are subject to change.

Packages exceeding UPS weight or size limits are not accepted for transportation.

<sup>2</sup>Shipments to certain destinations may require an earlier shipping date. Please check [ups.com/ctc](https://www.ups.com/ctc) for the most up-to-date transit times.

### CHRISTMAS

#### Friday, Dec. 20

Normal pickup and delivery service. This is the last day to ship UPS 2nd Day Air® packages for delivery on Tuesday, Dec. 24. UPS 3 Day Select® packages picked up Dec. 20 will be scheduled for delivery on Friday, Dec. 27.<sup>2</sup>

#### Saturday, Dec. 21

Normal Saturday pickup and delivery service.

#### Monday, Dec. 23

Normal pickup and delivery service. This is the last day to ship UPS Next Day Air® packages for delivery on Tuesday, Dec. 24 with a UPS On-Call Pickup® service, a UPS Smart Pickup® service, or other prearranged, scheduled pickup, or by tendering a shipment at a The UPS Store® location or a UPS Authorized Service Location.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve

Normal delivery service. Pickup service available only for Air and International Air® packages if prearranged by Thursday, Dec. 19. UPS On-Call Pickup® service is available for Air and international Air® packages. UPS Next Day Air® packages picked up today will be scheduled for delivery on Thursday, Dec. 26.

#### Wednesday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day (UPS Holiday)

No UPS pickup or delivery service. UPS Express Critical® service (now provided by MNX) is available. Call 1-800-714-8779 or visit [mnx.com](https://www.mnx.com).

### NEW YEAR'S

#### Thursday, Dec. 26

Normal pickup and delivery service.

#### Friday, Dec. 27

Normal pickup and delivery service.

#### Saturday, Dec. 28

Normal Saturday pickup and delivery service. UPS 2nd Day Air® packages picked up today will be scheduled for delivery on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

#### Monday, Dec. 30

Normal pickup and delivery service.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve

Delivery of UPS Air and International Air® packages only. Pickup service available only for Air and International Air® packages if prearranged by Thursday, Dec. 26. UPS On-Call Pickup® service is available for Air and international Air® packages. UPS Next Day Air® packages picked up Dec. 31 will be scheduled for delivery on Thursday, Jan. 2.

#### Wednesday Jan. 1, New Year's Day (UPS Holiday)

No UPS pickup or delivery service. UPS Express Critical® service (now provided by MNX) is available. Call 1-800-714-8779 or visit [mnx.com](https://www.mnx.com).

#### Thursday, Jan. 2

Normal UPS pickup and delivery service resumes.

## Verify the Charity

### **Recognize, Refuse, Report!**

**Call us  
Monday–Friday,  
9 a.m.–4 p.m.**

**800-222-4444**  
Option 2



It is the season of giving and while the majority of charitable requests are legitimate, it is important to remember there are some scammers who try and take advantage of the good will of others. A 2024 AARP survey found that 35% of U.S. adults say they had received a charity request that seemed fraudulent. An additional 60% shared that they don't always research the charity before giving. The following are a few tips to help make sure that your donation is going to the intended cause:

- **Do your research.** Be skeptical if the charity fails to provide information about finances. Many reputable charities will provide that information on their website.
- Never give payment information to an **unsolicited caller**.
- **Give locally** to organizations you know do meaningful work in your community.
- Ask the solicitor **how much of the donation** will go to the charity and how much goes to the solicitor.
- Ask for a **registration number** of the solicitor and/or charity.
- Watch out for charities with **names that sound similar** to well-known organizations. These similar sounding names are intended to confuse those who give on a regular basis.
- **Do not pay in cash**, donate by credit card, when possible.
- Beware of **unsolicited emails or text messages**. Instead, go directly to the organization's known website or call to make a donation.
- **Make a plan** for yearly giving and contact those organizations directly when you are ready to give.

Before you give, visit [www.checkthecharity.com](http://www.checkthecharity.com) to verify the charity is authorized to solicit donations in Colorado. Additional charity watchdog sites include [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org) and [www.give.org](http://www.give.org).

**800-222-4444**

Denver Metro Area

303-222-4444

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## Shop Smart!

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The holiday season creates new ways for scammers to try and target consumers. Since many shoppers turn to online retailers to buy gifts, it is even more important to remain vigilant. Here are a few steps you can take to help make this holiday shopping season safe:

- Avoid **shopping online** when you are connected to free public Wi-Fi. Networks that are not secure can expose your personal and financial information to criminals. Save your online buying for when you are on a secure network at home or at work.
- Do your **research** before purchasing an item from an unknown online retailer. Be extra careful about ads originating on social media sites that offer products cheaper than market value.
- When shopping on marketplace sites, **never send money** sight unseen to pay for goods or services. If you are asked to pay via peer-to-peer payment app, pre-paid gift card or crypto, consider it a scam.
- When purchasing a **gift card**, be sure to inspect it thoroughly for tampering. Ensure the PIN number on the back of the card is not visible. Consider purchasing it online directly from the retailer for an extra layer of security.
- Outsmart porch pirates! If you are **shipping a package**, it is a good idea to require a signature upon delivery and/or provide specific instructions for the delivery company to ensure the package is not stolen. It is also a good idea to alert the recipient of any tracking information.

If you have a question about a retail scam please call 800-222-4444. Have a safe and scam-free holiday season!

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