

Stanton County Encourages Residents to Plan Ahead Following USPS Postmark Clarification

Stanton County, NE – January 2026 – Stanton County is alerting residents and businesses that they should plan ahead when submitting time-sensitive mail following a recent clarification by the United States Postal Service (USPS) regarding postmarking practices.

Under the updated guidance, USPS cannot guarantee that the date it takes possession of a mailpiece will be the date reflected in the postmark. Residents are encouraged to take extra precautions when mailing documents that rely on a postmark to meet statutory or regulatory deadlines. This includes: Property Tax Payments, Vehicle Renewals, Court Documents, Court Payments, etc.

Additionally, recent USPS transportation changes may affect how mail moves from local post offices to processing centers. This could further delay when the mail is postmarked.

To help avoid late filings or delinquent payments, county officials recommend that residents and businesses take the following steps when submitting time-sensitive mail:

- Use electronic or online services whenever available to ensure timely submission.
- Mail items early, allowing additional time ahead of deadlines.
- Request a manual (local) postmark at the post office when mailing time-sensitive documents. This service is free and ensures the postmark reflects the date USPS takes possession of the mail piece.
- Consider optional mailing services such as Certified Mail, Registered Mail, or a Certificate of Mailing for added documentation and assurance.

Visit the USPS website for more information on postmarks: [wsps.com](https://usps.com).



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](#)

Residents with questions about filing deadlines, payment options, or available electronic services are encouraged to contact any Stanton County office.

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