

City of Oconto Falls advises residents of USPS policy change on postmarks that could affect timeliness of tax payments

The City of Oconto Falls is encouraging residents who pay their property tax bills by mail to be aware of a recent U.S. Postal Service policy change that may affect when envelopes are postmarked.

In August 2025, the Postal Service instituted a nationwide change as to when a postmark is affixed to incoming mail. Instead of postmarks being affixed when the item is first touched by the Postal Service, postmarks are now stamped at regional sorting centers.

That means your postmark could be several days after you put it in your mailbox.

Many federal and state laws define timely payment based off the USPS postmark, meaning payments may be considered delinquent if they are mailed too close to the deadline — even if they were, in fact, placed in a mailbox before the deadline.

To avoid this issue, the City of Oconto Falls is encouraging property taxpayers to mail payments earlier or to use the E-check option online to avoid becoming delinquent and accruing substantial late fees. E-check online payments can be made at <https://www.paymentservicenetwork.com/PaymentPage.aspx?acc=RT24780> for a small fee of \$1.10 per payment.

Please note the City of Oconto Falls will be closed December 24-26, closing at noon December 31, and closed January 1.

Happy Holidays!