



Important Updates to Keep in Mind this Tax Season: Electronic Payments & USPS Postmark Changes

As the IRS continues to phase out paper checks, electronic payment is now the most reliable and recommended way to submit tax payments - especially as we approach the **April 15, 2026** deadline.

Separately, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has updated how mail is postmarked. Postmarks are now applied when processed at regional facilities - not when dropped in the mailbox, which can delay the official date by 1 - 3 days and potentially result in late penalties.

What this means:

- Consider transitioning to electronic payment whenever possible
- If mailing, request a manual handstamp at a USPS counter or send documents at least one week before the deadline.

Staying ahead of these changes can help avoid unnecessary delays or penalties this tax season.

For more information regarding the IRS phasing out paper checks, visit the [**IRS' FAQ Fact Sheet**](#) on this topic.

Please note: LeTort Trust is sharing this tax guidance to keep you informed, as it reflects commonly accepted recommendations among accounting professionals.