Friend -
As the holidays approach, there are important things to keep in mind that will make the holiday season a bit less stressful. This week is the busiest week of the year at the post office. Here you will find holiday tips & best practices that will help your holiday post office trip go a bit smoother!

Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones!

HOLIDAY USPS MAILING DEADLINES
December 20th - First Class Mail
December 21st - Priority Mail
December 23rd - Priority Mail Express

BEWARE OF PIRATES
Gasparilla is in January but porch pirates are common this season! The United States Postal Service can hold your mail and important packages if you are traveling and away from home this holiday season.

Keep your identity, packages, and home safe and use this service from USPS.

If you see something suspicious, or if you have a piece of mail swiped, be sure to inform the City of Tampa Police or Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office.
PLANNING TO LEAVE YOUR ‘HOME ALONE?’

Sign up for the Tampa Police Department’s Vacation Watch program.
This free service allows City of Tampa residents to notify officers that their homes will be unoccupied for an extended period of time.

tampagov.net/VacationWatch

HOW-TO GUIDE FOR MAILING HOLIDAY GIFTS

- Pick appropriate package type for what you’re shipping
- Pick a box that’s slightly larger than what you’re sending
- Reinforce box with packing foam
- Cover or remove any old shipping labels
- Tape along any folds, flaps and edges
- Never mask label with packing tape

HOLIDAY REMINDERS:
State Government Offices will be closed December 24th, 25th, 31st & January 1st
USPS will be closed December 25th & January 1st
For additional holiday mail assistance, visit usps.com

LETTERS TO SANTA:
Send your holiday letters to Santa Claus & the post office elves will deliver to North Pole.

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