

What is General Delivery?



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Customer Information

General Delivery is a mail service for those without a permanent address, often used as a temporary mailing address. General Delivery is intended to be used for:

- Post Office™ locations without city carrier delivery service.
- Non-city delivery offices for those who prefer not to use Post Office Box service and for whom use of Post Office box, Caller Service, or delivery by letter carrier, would be an unreasonable inconvenience.
- A participating Post Office to serve transients (people who travel extensively) and those without a permanent address.
- Anyone who wants Post Office box service when Post Office boxes are unavailable.

How do I address a mailpiece sent to General Delivery?

NAME
GENERAL DELIVERY
CITY STATE ZIP

What are the restrictions on the use of the General Delivery service?

General delivery is normally available at only one facility under the administration of a Post Office with multiple facilities. A postmaster may authorize more than one facility to offer general delivery service in accordance with customer and operational needs. A customer may use only one such location.

Postmasters may restrict the use of General Delivery if a customer:

- Cannot present suitable identification
- Has mail volume or service level (e.g., mail accumulation) that cannot be reasonably accommodated.

If you wish to pick your mail up before regular delivery occurs, we suggest that you purchase a Post Office Box for a nominal fee (so that your mail is available for pickup every morning).

Additional information regarding General Delivery:

- No application is required for General Delivery. Persons interested in General Delivery should speak with the postmaster.
- Limitations on the amount of time you are able to use General Delivery, if any, are determined by the postmaster.
- Each piece of General Delivery mail is held for no more than 30 days, unless the sender requests a shorter period. General Delivery mail may be held for longer periods if requested by sender or addressee and approved by postmaster. Mail without a specific address or instructions from the sender is held for:
 - 10 days if for General Delivery at an office with letter-carrier service.
 - 15 days if for General Delivery at an office without letter-carrier service.

Please Note: General Delivery mail is not delivered on Sunday or Holidays.

BELLINGHAM — Post Office

315 PROSPECT ST
BELLINGHAM, WA 98225-9998
Lot Parking Available

For facility accessibility, please call
the Post Office.

1-800-ASK-USPS® (800-275-8777)
Phone 360-752-9822
Fax 651-456-6585
TTY 877-889-2457

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Hours

Retail Hours

Mon-Fri	8:30 am-5:00 pm
Sat	9:00 am-1:00 pm
Sun	Closed

Global Express Guaranteed Hours

Mon-Fri	12:00 pm
Sat	Closed
Sun	Closed

Last Collection Hours

Mon-Fri	5:00 pm
Sat	1:00 am
Sun	Closed

Lobby Hours

Mon-Fri	12:01 am-11:59 pm
Sat	12:01 am-11:59 pm
Sun	12:01 am-11:59 pm

Passport Appointment Hours ⓘ

Mon	Closed
Tue-Fri	10:00 am-2:00 pm
Sat	Closed
Sun	Closed

Passport Photo Hours ⓘ

Mon	Closed
Tue-Fri	10:00 am-2:00 pm
Sat	Closed
Sun	Closed

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PO Box Access Hours

Mon-Fri	12:01 am-11:59 pm
Sat	12:01 am-11:59 pm
Sun	12:01 am-11:59 pm

Self-Service Kiosk Hours

Mon-Fri	12:01 am-11:59 pm
Sat	12:01 am-11:59 pm
Sun	12:01 am-11:59 pm

Pickup Services Hours

Mon-Fri	8:30 am-5:00 pm
Sat	9:00 am-1:00 pm
Sun	Closed

PO Box Delivery Hours

Mon-Fri	11:00 am
Sat	11:00 am
Sun	Closed

On-Site Services Service hours may vary.

Self-Service Kiosk

Carrier Services

Greeting Card Services
Money Orders (Inquiry)
Passport Photo
Pickup Notice Left Mail
Sure Money

Business Reply Mail® Account

Balance
Duck Stamps
Global Express Guaranteed®
Money Orders (International)
Pickup Accountable Mail
Priority Mail International®
Label Broker (Retail)

Burial Flags

Call Referral
General Delivery
Money Orders (Domestic)
Passport Appointments
Pickup Hold Mail
PO Box Online

Online Services

- Print a Label with Postage
- Schedule a Pickup
- Buy Stamps
- Forward Mail
- Reserve or Renew a PO Box
- Schedule a Redelivery
- Mailing Requirements
- Media/Press Contacts
- Vandalism/Theft

Nearby Self-Service Kiosks

BELLINGHAM
315 PROSPECT ST
BELLINGHAM WA 98225

MOUNT BAKER
3150 ORLEANS ST
BELLINGHAM WA 98226

MOUNT VERNON
1207 CLEVELAND AVE
MOUNT VERNON WA 98273