

## DELIVERY COLOR CODES FOR DESTINATION ENTRY STANDARD MAIL

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<b>DNDC</b> Critical Entry Time: 16:00		
DAY OF RECEIPT	COLOR CODE APPLIED	SERVICE STANDARD FIVE DAY DELIVERY
SAT	VIOLET	THU
SUN	YELLOW	FRI
MON	PINK	SAT
TUE	BLUE	MON
WED	BLUE	MON
THU	ORANGE	TUE
FRI	GREEN	WED

<b>DSCF</b> Critical Entry Time: 16:00		
DAY OF RECEIPT	COLOR CODE APPLIED	SERVICE STANDARD THREE DAY DELIVERY
SAT	ORANGE	TUE
SUN	GREEN	WED
MON	VIOLET	THU
TUE	YELLOW	FRI
WED	PINK	SAT
THU	BLUE	MON
FRI	BLUE	MON

<b>DDU</b> Critical Entry Time: 16:00		
DAY OF RECEIPT	COLOR CODE APPLIED	SERVICE STANDARD TWO DAY DELIVERY
SAT	ORANGE	TUE
SUN	N/A	N/A
MON	GREEN	WED
TUE	VIOLET	THU
WED	YELLOW	FRI
THU	PINK	SAT
FRI	BLUE	MON

### Important points concerning color codes:

- Color coding is an internal Postal Service procedure to ensure the timely processing, dispatch, and delivery of Standard Mail within established service standards.
- If the Postal Service receives a drop shipment *before* the national critical entry time of 16:00, the day of receipt is designated as the arrival date. (The CET is 12:00 for bedloaded shipments.)
- If the Postal Service receives a drop shipment *after* 16:00, the mailing will have an arrival day of the following applicable processing day. (The CET is 12:00 for bedloaded shipments.)
- Redirected DDU shipments will be color coded for 2 day delivery, and redirected DSCF shipments will be color coded for 3 day delivery.
- Holidays will not change the application of color codes.
- Special procedures may apply to non-machinable, non-barcoded letters or flats mailed at saturation, high density, or basic carrier-route with requested in-home dates drop shipped at a DDU or DSCF.

## PLANNING GUIDELINES STANDARD MAIL - DESTINATION ENTRY

The Postal Service has developed these planning guidelines to allow customers to project the number of days necessary for their mail to reach destinations based on service standards, entry point, and critical entry time. Customers should note that these guidelines do not imply any promise or guarantee.

Destination Entry	Service Standards (days to delivery)	Critical Entry Time (CET)	FAST appointment		Color Code	Delivery
			After CET	Before CET		
DNDC	5 days	16:00	Monday	Tuesday	blue	Monday
DNDC	5 days	16:00	Tuesday	Wednesday	blue	Monday
DNDC	5 days	16:00	Wednesday	Thursday	orange	Tuesday
DNDC	5 days	16:00	Thursday	Friday	green	Wednesday
DNDC	5 days	16:00	Friday	Saturday	violet	Thursday
DNDC	5 days	16:00	Saturday	Sunday	yellow	Friday
DNDC	5 days	16:00	Sunday	Monday	pink	Saturday
DSCF	3 days	16:00	Wednesday	Thursday	blue	Monday
DSCF	3 days	16:00	Thursday	Friday	blue	Monday
DSCF	3 days	16:00	Friday	Saturday	orange	Tuesday
DSCF	3 days	16:00	Saturday	Sunday	green	Wednesday
DSCF	3 days	16:00	Sunday	Monday	violet	Thursday
DSCF	3 days	16:00	Monday	Tuesday	yellow	Friday
DSCF	3 days	16:00	Tuesday	Wednesday	pink	Saturday
DDU	2 days	16:00	Thursday	Friday	blue	Monday
DDU	2 days	16:00	Friday	Saturday	orange	Tuesday
DDU	2 days	16:00	Saturday	Monday	green	Wednesday
DDU	2 days	16:00	Monday	Tuesday	violet	Thursday
DDU	2 days	16:00	Tuesday	Wednesday	yellow	Friday
DDU	2 days	16:00	Wednesday	Thursday	pink	Saturday

### Important points concerning destination entry Standard Mail:

1. The service standards for Standard Mail apply to the contiguous United States.
2. Drop shipments must arrive on time with a valid FAST appointment.
3. National critical entry time for palletized Standard Mail is 16:00 (4:00p.m.) and 12:00 for bedloaded shipments.
4. "Start-the-clock" Day Zero (Day-0) is the date when the clock starts for the purposes of service measurement.
5. Redirected mailings retain service standards associated with original destination entry point, e.g. 2 days for DDU and 3 days for DSCF shipments.
6. FAST's hours of drop shipment are locally determined. Check FAST for weekend slot availability.
7. Holidays will not change the application of color codes. However, FAST appointment availability may differ on holidays.
8. Special procedures may apply to non-machinable, non-barcoded letters or flats mailed at saturation, high density, or basic carrier-route with requested in-home dates drop shipped at a DDU or DSCF.

## PERIODICALS AND PACKAGE SERVICES - DESTINATION ENTRY

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Mail Class (Market Dominant Products)	Destination Entry	Service Standards (days to delivery)	Critical Entry Time (CET)			FAST appointment		Delivery	
						After CET	Before CET		
<b>Periodicals</b>	DNDC	1-2 days	FSS	No Bundle Sort	11:00	Monday	Tuesday	<b>Wednesday or Thursday</b>	
				Bundle Sort	08:00				
			Non-FSS	No Bundle Sort	17:00				
				Bundle Sort	16:00				
	DADC	1-2 days	FSS	No Bundle Sort	11:00	Thursday	Friday	<b>Saturday or Monday</b>	
				Bundle Sort	08:00				
			Non-FSS	No Bundle Sort	17:00				
				Bundle Sort	16:00				
	DSCF	1 day	FSS	No Bundle Sort	11:00	Tuesday	Wednesday	<b>Thursday</b>	
				Bundle Sort	08:00				
			Non-FSS	No Bundle Sort	17:00				
				Bundle Sort	16:00				
	DDU	1 day	16:00			Thursday	Friday	<b>Saturday</b>	
	<b>Package Services</b> (Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail, and Library Mail)	DNDC	3 days	16:00			Wednesday	Thursday	<b>Monday</b>
		DSCF	2 days	16:00			Monday	Tuesday	<b>Thursday</b>
		DDU	1 day	16:00			Friday	Saturday	<b>Monday</b>

### Important points concerning destination entry:

1. Service standards apply to the contiguous United States.
2. DNDC includes mailings delivered to an Auxiliary Service Center (ASF)
3. Drop shipments must arrive on time with a valid FAST appointment.
4. "Start-the-clock" Day Zero (Day-0) is the date when the clock starts for the purposes of service measurement.
5. Redirected mailings retain service standards associated with original destination entry point.
6. FAST's hours for drop shipment are locally determined. Check FAST for weekend slot availability.
7. Color codes are administered by the Postal Service and pertain only to Standard Mail.
8. Special procedures may apply to non-machinable, non-barcode letters or flats mailed at saturation, high density, or basic carrier-route with requested in-home dates drop shipped at a DDU or DSCF.

**PLANNING GUIDELINES**  
**STANDARD MAIL AND PERIODICALS - DESTINATION ENTRY**  
Drop Shipment Day to Delivery

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<b>STANDARD MAIL</b>	
Dropped at DDU	
Before 1600	
DROP DAY	DELIVERY
SATURDAY	TUESDAY
SUNDAY	N/A
MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
TUESDAY	THURSDAY
WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
THURSDAY	SATURDAY
FRIDAY	MONDAY

<b>STANDARD MAIL</b>	
Dropped at SCF	
Before 1600	
DROP DAY	DELIVERY
SATURDAY	TUESDAY
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
MONDAY	THURSDAY
TUESDAY	FRIDAY
WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
THURSDAY	MONDAY
FRIDAY	MONDAY

<b>STANDARD MAIL</b>	
Dropped at NDC	
Before 1600	
DROP DAY	DELIVERY
SATURDAY	THURSDAY
SUNDAY	FRIDAY
MONDAY	SATURDAY
TUESDAY	MONDAY
WEDNESDAY	MONDAY
THURSDAY	TUESDAY
FRIDAY	WEDNESDAY

<b>PERIODICALS</b>	
FSS LOCATION	
DESTINATION ENTRY	
PALLETS / FSS FACILITY PALLETS - BUNDLE SORT NEEDED	
Before 0800	
DROP DAY	DELIVERY
SATURDAY	MONDAY
SUNDAY	MONDAY
MONDAY	TUESDAY
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FRIDAY	SATURDAY

<b>PERIODICALS</b>	
FSS LOCATION	
DESTINATION ENTRY	
5-DIGIT / FSS SCHEME PALLETS - NO BUNDLE SORT NEEDED	
Before 1100	
DROP DAY	DELIVERY
SATURDAY	MONDAY
SUNDAY	MONDAY
MONDAY	TUESDAY
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FRIDAY	SATURDAY

<b>PERIODICALS</b>	
NON-FSS LOCATION	
DESTINATION ENTRY	
PALLETS - BUNDLE SORT NEEDED	
Before 1600	
DROP DAY	DELIVERY
SATURDAY	MONDAY
SUNDAY	MONDAY
MONDAY	TUESDAY
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FRIDAY	SATURDAY

<b>PERIODICALS</b>	
NON-FSS LOCATION	
DESTINATION ENTRY	
5-DIGIT PALLETS - NO BUNDLE SORT NEEDED	
Before 1700	
DROP DAY	DELIVERY
SATURDAY	MONDAY
SUNDAY	MONDAY
MONDAY	TUESDAY
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FRIDAY	SATURDAY