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Chippewa County Treasurer Carmen Fazzari 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, Fazzari said. Instead of postmarks being affixed when the item is first touched by the Postal Service, postmarks are now stamped at regional sorting centers.

This means your postmark could be several days after you put it in your mailbox. If you plan on paying your property taxes by mail, don't wait until right before the deadline to put it in the mail.

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

Another option could be to physically bring your payment into the post office and request that they postmark your payment in front of you or by sending it certified mail and pay in-person at the Chippewa County Courthouse, before 5:00 p.m. the date payment is due.

To avoid any issues, Fazzari encourages Chippewa County property taxpayers to mail payments earlier, or to pay online to avoid becoming delinquent and accruing additional late fees.