

Address Formatting Standards

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Standardized address information enhances the processing and delivery of mail, reduces undeliverable-as-addressed mail, and reduces costs through improved efficiency. A *standardized address* is one that is fully spelled out, abbreviated by using the Postal Service standard abbreviations as shown in this publication or as shown in the current Postal Service ZIP+4 file (<http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/welcome.jsp>).

Secondary Address Unit Designators



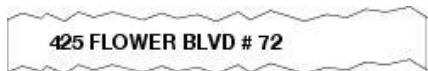
Secondary address unit designators, such as *APARTMENT* or *SUITE*, should be entered, if applicable to the address. The preferred location is at the end of the Delivery Address Line. The pound sign (#) should not be used as a secondary unit designator if the correct designation, such as *APT* or *STE*, is known or is shown in the ZIP+4 file.

Common Designators

The most common unit designators are:

APARTMENT	APT
BUILDING	BLDG
FLOOR	FL
SUITE	STE
UNIT	UNIT
ROOM	RM
DEPARTMENT	DEPT

Pound Sign (#)



If the pound sign (#) is used, there must be a space between the pound sign and the secondary number.

Dual Addresses

Eliminate dual addresses, if possible. If dual addresses are used, place the intended delivery address on the line immediately above the city, state, and ZIP+4 Code. This normally is the Post Office Box address.

When both a PO Box address and street address are given, use the PO Box address as the HOM address and the street address as the FAM address.

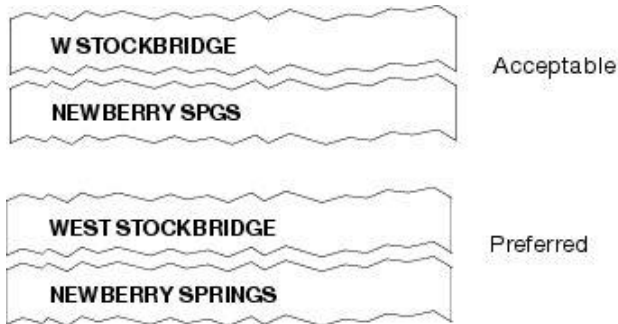
Punctuation

With the exception of the hyphen in the ZIP+4 Code, punctuation may be omitted in the delivery address block.

Spelling of City Names

Spell city names in their entirety. When abbreviations must be used due to labeling constraints, use only the approved 13-character abbreviations provided in the City State file.

Note: Normally, the abbreviations follow the logic of using existing abbreviations, such as for suffix or directional words.



Military Addresses

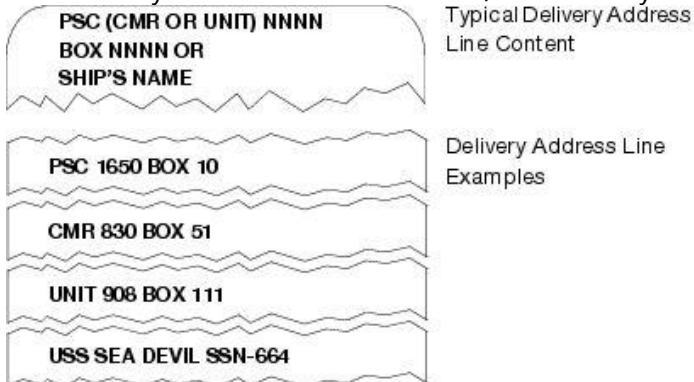
Overseas Locations

Overseas military addresses must contain the APO or FPO designation along with a two-character "state" abbreviation of *AE*, *AP*, or *AA* and the ZIP Code or ZIP+4 Code.



AE is used for armed forces in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Canada; *AP* is for the Pacific; and *AA* is the Americas excluding Canada.

The Delivery Address Line for all APO/FPO military mail must be standardized as follows:



SSGT KEVIN TAYLOR
UNIT 2050 BOX 4190
APO AP 96278-2050

Complete Address Examples

SGT ROBERT SMITH
PSC 802 BOX 74
APO AE 09499-0074

SEAMAN JOSEPH DOE
USCGC HAMILTON
FPO AP 96667-3931

Domestic Locations

All domestic military mail must have a conventional, street-style address. Use only the approved city name as listed in the City State file, along with the two-character state abbreviation and the ZIP Code or ZIP+4 Code.

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Two Suffixes

If an address has two consecutive words that appear on the suffix table (see **Street Suffix Abbreviations** beginning on page 5 and **Secondary Unit Designators** beginning on page 11), abbreviate the second of the two words according to the suffix table and place it in the suffix field. The first of the two words is part of the primary name. Spell it out in its entirety after the street name.

789 MAIN AVENUE DRIVE
4513 3RD STREET CIRCLE WEST
1000 AVE E

Acceptable

789 MAIN AVENUE DR
4513 3RD STREET CIR W
1000 AVENUE E

Preferred

Numeric Street Names

Numeric street names, for example, *7TH ST* or *SEVENTH ST*, should be entered exactly as they appear in the ZIP+4 file. Normally, the numeral will be used and the number will not be spelled out. Spell out numeric street names only when there are duplicate street names within a postal delivery area and the only distinguishing factor is that the one you matched is spelled out.

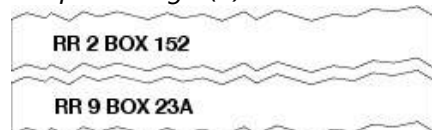
Highways

The following are recommended standardized examples of county, state, and local highways (see **Address Standardization – County, State, Local Highways** beginning on page 12 for an expanded table).

Address	Name
101	COUNTY ROAD 20
11216	COUNTY HIGHWAY 140
1501	HIGHWAY 50
220	INTERSTATE 680
22604	ROAD 123
1650	STATE HIGHWAY 335
7777	STATE ROUTE 39
1155	US HIGHWAY 70
3000	TOWNSHIP ROAD 20

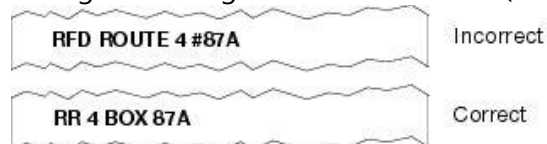
Rural Route Addresses Format

Enter rural route addresses as: RR N BOX NN. Do not use the words *RURAL*, *NUMBER*, *NO.*, or the *pound sign* (#).



Designations RFD and RD

Change the designations *RFD* and *RD* (as a meaning for rural or rural free delivery) to *RR*.



General Delivery Addresses Format

Use the words *GENERAL DELIVERY*, uppercase preferred, spelled out (no abbreviation), as the Delivery Address Line. Each record will carry the –9999 add-on code.



Street Suffix Abbreviations

The following table lists examples of suffix forms that are primary street suffix names, common street suffixes or suffix abbreviations, and recommended official Postal Service standard suffix abbreviations.

Primary Street Suffix Name	Commonly Used Street Suffix or Abbreviation	Postal Service Standard Suffix Abbreviation
ALLEY	ALLEE	ALY
	ALLEY	
	ALLY	
	ALY	
ANEX	ANEX	ANX
	ANNEX	
	ANNX	
	ANX	
ARCADE	ARC	ARC
	ARCADE	
AVENUE	AV	AVE
	AVE	
	AVEN	
	AVENU	
	AVENUE	
	AVN	
	AVNUE	
BAYOU	BAYOO	BYU
	BAYOU	
BEACH	BCH	BCH
	BEACH	
BEND	BEND	BND
	BND	
BLUFF	BLF	BLF
	BLUF	
	BLUFF	
BLUFFS	BLUFFS	BLFS
BOTTOM	BOT	BTM
	BTM	
	BOTTM	
	BOTTOM	
BOULEVARD	BLVD	BLVD
	BOUL	

	BOULEVARD	
	BOULV	
BRANCH	BR	BR
	BRNCH	
	BRANCH	
BRIDGE	BRDGE	BRG
	BRG	
	BRIDGE	
BROOK	BRK	BRK
	BROOK	
BROOKS	BROOKS	BRKS
BURG	BURG	BG
BURGS	BURGS	BGS
BYPASS	BYP	BYP
	BYPA	
	BYPAS	
	BYPASS	
	BYPS	
CAMP	CAMP	CP
	CP	
	CMP	
CANYON	CANYN	CYN
	CANYON	
	CNYN	
CAPE	CAPE	CPE
	CPE	
CAUSEWAY	CAUSEWAY	CSWY
	CAUSWA	
	CSWY	
CENTER	CEN	CTR
	CENT	
	CENTER	
	CENTR	
	CENTRE	
	CNTER	
	CNTR	
CTR		

CENTERS	CENTERS	CTRS
CIRCLE	CIR	CIR
	CIRC	
	CIRCL	
	CIRCLE	
	CRCL	
	CRCLE	
CIRCLES	CIRCLES	CIRS
CLIFF	CLF	CLF
	CLIFF	
CLIFFS	CLFS	CLFS
	CLIFFS	
CLUB	CLB	CLB
	CLUB	
COMMON	COMMON	CMN
COMMONS	COMMONS	CMNS
CORNER	COR	COR
	CORNER	
CORNERS	CORNERS	CORS
	CORS	
COURSE	COURSE	CRSE
	CRSE	
COURT	COURT	CT
	CT	
COURTS	COURTS	CTS
	CTS	
COVE	COVE	CV
	CV	
COVES	COVES	CVS
CREEK	CREEK	CRK
	CRK	
CRESCENT	CRESCENT	CRES
	CRES	
	CRSENT	
	CRSNT	
CREST	CREST	CRST
CROSSING	CROSSING	XING
	CRSSNG	
	XING	
CROSSROAD	CROSSROAD	XRDR
CROSSROADS	CROSSROADS	XRDS

CURVE	CURVE	CURV
DALE	DALE	DL
	DL	
DAM	DAM	DM
	DM	
DIVIDE	DIV	DV
	DIVIDE	
	DV	
	DVD	
DRIVE	DR	DR
	DRIV	
	DRIVE	
	DRV	
DRIVES	DRIVES	DRS
ESTATE	EST	EST
	ESTATE	
ESTATES	ESTATES	ESTS
	ESTS	
EXPRESSWAY	EXP	EXPY
	EXPR	
	EXPRESS	
	EXPRESSWAY	
	EXPW	
	EXPY	
EXTENSION	EXT	EXT
	EXTENSION	
	EXTN	
	EXTNSN	
EXTENSIONS	EXTS	EXTS
FALL	FALL	FALL
FALLS	FALLS	FLS
	FLS	
FERRY	FERRY	FRY
	FRRY	
	FRY	
FIELD	FIELD	FLD
	FLD	
FIELDS	FIELDS	FLDS
	FLDS	
FLAT	FLAT	FLT
	FLT	

FLATS	FLATS	FLTS
	FLTS	
FORD	FORD	FRD
	FRD	
FORDS	FORDS	FRDS
FOREST	FOREST	FRST
	FORESTS	
	FRST	
FORGE	FORG	FRG
	FORGE	
	FRG	
FORGES	FORGES	FRGS
FORK	FORK	FRK
	FRK	
FORKS	FORKS	FRKS
	FRKS	
FORT	FORT	FT
	FRT	
	FT	
FREEWAY	FREEWAY	FWY
	FREEWY	
	FRWAY	
	FRWY	
	FWY	
GARDEN	GARDEN	GDN
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	GRDEN	
	GRDN	
GARDENS	GARDENS	GDNS
	GDNS	
	GRDNS	
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	GATWAY	
	GTWAY	
	GTWY	
GLEN	GLEN	GLN
	GLN	
GLENS	GLENS	GLNS
GREEN	GREEN	GRN
	GRN	

GREENS	GREENS	GRNS
GROVE	GROV	GRV
	GROVE	
	GRV	
GROVES	GROVES	GRVS
HARBOR	HARB	HBR
	HARBOR	
	HARBR	
	HBR	
	HRBOR	
HARBORS	HARBORS	HBRs
HAVEN	HAVEN	HVN
	HVN	
HEIGHTS	HT	HTS
	HTS	
HIGHWAY	HIGHWAY	HWY
	HIGHWY	
	HIWAY	
	HIWY	
	HWAY	
	HWY	
HILL	HILL	HL
	HL	
HILLS	HILLS	HLS
	HLS	
HOLLOW	HLLW	HOLW
	HOLLOW	
	HOLLOWS	
	HOLW	
	HOLWS	
INLET	INLT	INLT
ISLAND	IS	IS
	ISLAND	
	ISLND	
ISLANDS	ISLANDS	ISS
	ISLNDs	
	ISS	
ISLE	ISLE	ISLE
	ISLES	
JUNCTION	JCT	JCT
	JCTION	

	JCTN	
	JUNCTION	
	JUNCTN	
	JUNCTON	
JUNCTIONS	JCTNS	JCTS
	JCTS	
	JUNCTIONS	
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	KY	
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	KYS	
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	KNOL	
	KNOLL	
KNOLLS	KNLS	KNLS
	KNOLLS	
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LAKES	LKS	LKS
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LANDING	LANDING	LNDG
	LNDG	
	LNDNG	
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LIGHTS	LIGHTS	LGTS
LOAF	LF	LF
	LOAF	
LOCK	LCK	LCK
	LOCK	
LOCKS	LCKS	LCKS
	LOCKS	
LODGE	LDG	LDG
	LDGE	
	LODG	
	LODGE	

LOOP	LOOP	LOOP
	LOOPS	
MALL	MALL	MALL
MANOR	MNR	MNR
	MANOR	
MANORS	MANORS	MNRS
	MNRS	
MEADOW	MEADOW	MDW
MEADOWS	MDW	MDWS
	MDWS	
	MEADOWS	
	MEDOWS	
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MILLS	MILLS	MLS
MISSION	MISSN	MSN
	MSSN	
MOTORWAY	MOTORWAY	MTWY
MOUNT	MNT	MT
	MT	
	MOUNT	
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	MNTN	
	MOUNTAIN	
	MOUNTIN	
	MTIN	
	MTN	
MOUNTAINS	MNTNS	MTNS
	MOUNTAINS	
NECK	NCK	NCK
	NECK	
ORCHARD	ORCH	ORCH
	ORCHARD	
	ORCHRD	
OVAL	OVAL	OVAL
	OVL	
OVERPASS	OVERPASS	OPAS
PARK	PARK	PARK
	PRK	
PARKS	PARKS	PARK
PARKWAY	PARKWAY	PKWY

	PARKWY	
	PKWAY	
	PKWY	
	PKY	
PARKWAYS	PARKWAYS	PKWY
	PKWYS	
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PASSAGE	PASSAGE	PSGE
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	PATHS	
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	PIKES	
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	PNES	
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	PLN	
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	PRT	
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	PRAIRIE	
	PRR	
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	RADIAL	
	RADIEL	
	RADL	
RAMP	RAMP	RAMP

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	RANCHES	
	RNCH	
	RNCHS	
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	RPD	
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	RPDS	
REST	REST	RST
	RST	
RIDGE	RDG	RDG
	RDGE	
	RIDGE	
RIDGES	RDGS	RDGS
	RIDGES	
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	RIVER	
	RVR	
	RIVR	
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	ROAD	
ROADS	ROADS	RDS
	RDS	
ROUTE	ROUTE	RTE
ROW	ROW	ROW
RUE	RUE	RUE
RUN	RUN	RUN
SHOAL	SHL	SHL
	SHOAL	
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	SHOALS	
SHORE	SHOAR	SHR
	SHORE	
	SHR	
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	SHORES	
	SHRS	
SKYWAY	SKYWAY	SKWY
SPRING	SPG	SPG

	SPNG	
	SPRING	
	SPRNG	
SPRINGS	SPGS	SPGS
	SPNGS	
	SPRINGS	
	SPRNGS	
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	TUNNEL	
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	TUNNL	
TURNPIKE	TRNPK	TPKE
	TURNPIKE	
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UNDERPASS	UNDERPASS	UPAS
UNION	UN	UN
	UNION	
UNIONS	UNIONS	UNS
VALLEY	VALLEY	VLY
	VALLY	
	VLLY	
	VLY	
VALLEYS	VALLEYS	VLYS
	VLYS	

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	VIA	
	VIADCT	
	VIADUCT	
VIEW	VIEW	VW
	VW	
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	VWS	
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	VLG	
VILLAGES	VILLAGES	VLGS
	VLGS	

VILLE	VILLE	VL
	VL	
VISTA	VIS	VIS
	VIST	
	VISTA	
	VST	
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WALK	WALK	WALK
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WAYS	WAYS	WAYS
WELL	WELL	WL
WELLS	WELLS	WLS
	WLS	

Secondary Unit Designators

Description	Approved Abbreviation
Apartment	APT
Basement	BSMT**
Blank, unable to determine*	
Building	BLDG
Department	DEPT
Floor	FL
Front	FRNT**
Hanger	HNGR
Key	KEY
Lobby	LBBY**
Lot	LOT
Lower	LOWR**
Office	OFC**

Penthouse	PH**
Pier	PIER
Rear	REAR**
Room	RM
Side	SIDE**
Slip	SLIP
Space	SPC
Stop	STOP
Suite	STE
Trailer	TRLR
Unit	UNIT
Upper	UPPR**
* Requires the pound sign (#) to be used.	
** Does not require a Secondary RANGE to follow.	

Address Standardization — County, State, Local Highways

The following are examples of county, state, and local highway primary names and the recommended standardized format. These are not the only possible examples.

Examples in Use	Standard
COUNTY HIGHWAY 140	COUNTY HIGHWAY 140
COUNTY HWY 60E	COUNTY HIGHWAY 60E
CNTY HWY 20	COUNTY HIGHWAY 20
COUNTY RD 441	COUNTY ROAD 441
COUNTY ROAD 110	COUNTY ROAD 110
CR 1185	COUNTY ROAD 1185
CNTY RD 33	COUNTY ROAD 33
CA COUNTY RD 150	CA COUNTY ROAD 150
CALIFORNIA COUNTY ROAD 555 (excessive characters)	CA COUNTY ROAD 555
EXPRESSWAY 55	EXPRESSWAY 55
FARM to MARKET 1200	FM 1200
FM 187	FM 187
HWY FM 1320	FM 1320
HIGHWAY 101	HIGHWAY 101
HIWAY 1080A	HIGHWAY 1080A
HWY 64	HIGHWAY 64
HWY 11 BYPASS	HIGHWAY 11 BYP
HWY 66 FRONTAGE ROAD	HIGHWAY 66 FRONTAGE RD
HIGHWAY 3 BYP ROAD	HIGHWAY 3 BYPASS RD
I10	INTERSTATE 10
INTERSTATE 40	INTERSTATE 40
IH280	INTERSTATE 280
INTERSTATE HWY 680	INTERSTATE 680
I 55 BYPASS	INTERSTATE 55 BYP
I 26 BYP ROAD	INTERSTATE 26 BYPASS RD
I 44 FRONTAGE ROAD	INTERSTATE 44 FRONTAGE RD
LOOP 410	LOOP 410
RD 5A	ROAD 5A
ROAD 22	ROAD 22
RT 88	ROUTE 88
RTE 95	ROUTE 95
ROUTE 1150EE	ROUTE 1150EE
RANCH RD 620	RANCH ROAD 620

ST HIGHWAY 303	STATE HIGHWAY 303
STATE HWY 60	STATE HIGHWAY 60
SR 220	STATE ROAD 220
ST RD 86	STATE ROAD 86
STATE ROAD 55	STATE ROAD 55
SR MM	STATE ROUTE MM
ST RT 175	STATE ROUTE 175
STATE RTE 260	STATE ROUTE 260
TOWNSHIP RD 20	TOWNSHIP ROAD 20
TSR 45	TOWNSHIP ROAD 45
US 41 SW	US HIGHWAY 41 SW
US HWY 44	US HIGHWAY 44
US HIGHWAY 70	US HIGHWAY 70
KENTUCKY 440	KY HIGHWAY 440
KENTUCKY HIGHWAY 189	KY HIGHWAY 189
KY 1207	KY HIGHWAY 1207
KY HWY 75	KY HIGHWAY 75
KY ST HWY 1	KY STATE HIGHWAY 1
KY STATE HIGHWAY 24	KY STATE HIGHWAY 24
KENTUCKY STATE HIGHWAY 625 (excessive characters)	KY STATE HIGHWAY 625

Note: When the name of a state is used as a portion of the Primary Street Name, the standard two-letter abbreviation is recommended as depicted in the previous examples. However, when the state name is the complete Primary Street Name, such as OKLAHOMA AVE, then the state name should be spelled out completely.