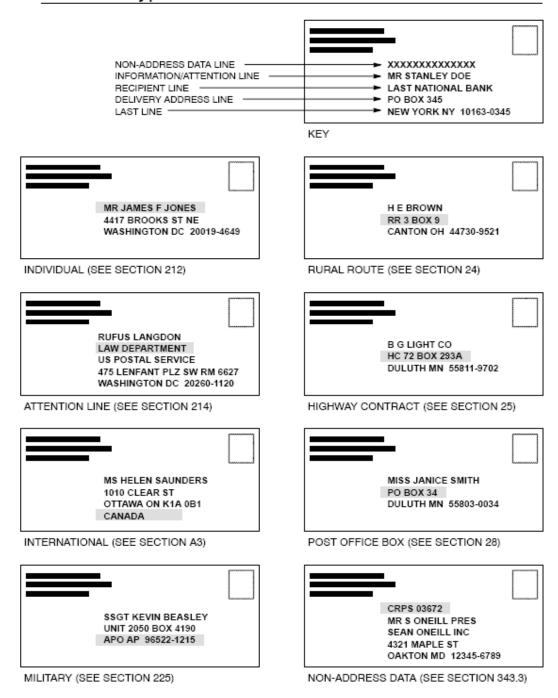
# A2 Address Types



# Two-Letter State and Possession Abbreviations

Use the abbreviations below when addressing mail. Using the two-letter state abbreviations makes it possible to enter the city, state, and Five-Digit ZIP Code (or ZIP+4 code) on the last line of the address within 28 positions when necessary: 13 positions for city, 1 space between the city and state abbreviation, 2 positions for the state, 2 spaces (preferred) between the state and ZIP Code, and 10 positions for the ZIP+4 code.

State/Possession	Abbreviation
Alabama	AL
Alaska	AK
American Samoa	AS
Arizona	AZ
Arkansas	AR
California	CA
Colorado	co
Connecticut	СТ
Delaware	DE
District of Columbia	DC
Federated States of Micronesia	FM
Florida	FL
Georgia	GA
Guam	GU
Hawaii	н
Idaho	ID
Illinois	IL
Indiana	IN
lowa	IA
Kansas	KS
Kentucky	KY
Louisiana	LA
Maine	ME
Marshall Islands	МН
Maryland	MD

State/Possession	Abbreviation
Massachusetts	MA
Michigan	MI
Minnesota	MN
Mississippi	MS
Missouri	MO
Montana	MT
Nebraska	NE
Nevada	NV
New Hampshire	NH
New Jersey	NJ
New Mexico	NM
New York	NY
North Carolina	NC
North Dakota	ND
Northern Mariana Islands	MP
Ohio	ОН
Oklahoma	ок
Oregon	OR
Palau	PW
Pennsylvania	PA
Puerto Rico	PR
Rhode Island	RI
South Carolina	sc
South Dakota	SD
Tennessee	TN

State/Possession	Abbreviation	Geogr
Texas	TX	North
Utah	UT	East
Vermont	VT	South
Virgin Islands	VI	West
Virginia	VA	Northe
Washington	WA	Southe
West Virginia	wv	Northw
Wisconsin	WI	South
Wyoming	WY	

Geographic Directional	Abbreviation
North	N
East	E
South	s
West	w
Northeast	NE
Southeast	SE
Northwest	NW
Southwest	sw

# 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

Examples in Use	Standard
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

Examples in Use	Standard
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

Examples in Use	Standard
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.

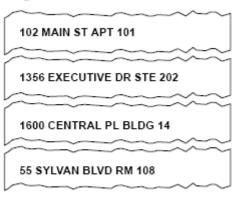
# **Postal Addressing Standards**

A standardized address is one that is fully spelled out, abbreviated by the Postal Service standard abbreviations (shown in this publication) c shown in the current Postal Service ZIP+4 File.

ABC MOVERS 1500 E MAIN AVE STE 201 SPRINGFIELD VA 22162-1010 Recipient Line Delivery Address Line Last Line

# Secondary Address Unit Designators

Secondary address unit designators, such as APARTMENT or SUITE, are preferred to be printed on the mailpiece for address locations containing secondary unit designators. 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.



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**

<sup>\*</sup> Requires the pound sign (#) to be used on the mailpiece.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Does not require a Secondary RANGE to follow.

#### Pound Sign (#)

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

# 425 FLOWER BLVD # 72

#### Alternate Location

If all Delivery Address Line information cannot be continued in the Delivery Address Line above the city, state, and ZIP Code, place secondary address information on the line immediately above the Delivery Address Line.

MR M MURRAY APT C 5800 SPRINGFIELD GARDENS CIR SPRINGFIELD VA 22162-1058

#### Attention Line

The Attention Line is placed above the Recipient Line, that is, above the name of the firm to which the mailpiece is directed.

JOHN DOE ABC COMPANY 1401 MAIN ST FALLS CHURCH VA 22042-1441

ATTN JOHN DOE ABC COMPANY 1401 MAIN ST FALLS CHURCH VA 22042-1441

#### **Dual Addresses**

Eliminate dual addresses on the output mailpiece, if possible, although mailer files may maintain both mailing and physical addresses. However, 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. The other address must be placed on a separate line above the Delivery Address Line. The ZIP+4 code used must be the correct code for the delivery address on the line directly above the city, state, and ZIP Code.

1201 BROAD ST E PO BOX 1001 FALLS CHURCH VA 22062-1001

Mailer File

PO BOX 1001 FALLS CHURCH VA 22041-1001

1201 BROAD ST E FALLS CHURCH VA 22042-2102

Mailpiece

# Last Line of the Address

# 221 City Names

It is strongly recommended that addresses use only approved Last Line (city) names as described in the Postal Service City State File currently in effect.

City names with the City State Mailing Name indicator flag set to YES in the City State File are considered part of a complete and standardized address; city names with the flag set to NO in the City State File should not be used in a complete and standardized address. For a complete and standardized address, abbreviations for city or state names must be shown in the Postal Service City State File. If you are preparing prebarcoded mail, city names set to NO for mailing name can be used.

## 222 Punctuation

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

MR. WALTER W. WITHERSPOON JR. MDM ENTERPRISES, INC. 1401 S. MAIN ST. PLUMMER'S LANDING, KY 41081-1411

Acceptable

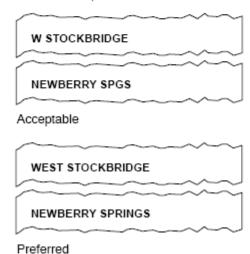
MR WALTER W WITHERSPOON JR MDM ENTERPRISES INC 1401 S MAIN ST PLUMMERS LANDING KY 41081-1411

Preferred

## 3 Spelling of City Names

Spell city names in their entirety. When abbreviations must be used due to labelling 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.



#### Format

Format the Last Line with at least one space between the city name, two-character state abbreviation, and ZIP+4 code.



**Note:** Two spaces are preferred between the state abbreviation and ZIP+4 code.