

Re: OT–Do any of you tip your postal person?

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I give a small token of my appreciation each Christmas to my mail carrier, trash collectors, and FedEx delivery guy.

The mail carriers have a nightmare delivering mail during the winter months in my area. There are no post boxes in front of the houses in my neighborhood. The mail carrier must walk up to the front door and, like in my case, insert the mail through a slot in the front door.

One year, the snow was so bad, ice everywhere and roads closed, and we did not get mail for 8 days. I will never forget it. The slogan of "Through Rain, Sleet, or Snow" doesn't apply to the Nation's Capital. What was worse for me, though, is I ran out of coffee. I walked 2–1/2 miles through the ice and snow to the Starbucks one day. The trek back home was brutal. The cars couldn't make it on the roads, but I sure did with my two feet. When I got home, I had icicles in my hair, but I got me some coffee beans.

The trash collectors here in D.C. do a good job as well. I recent replaced three sinks in my home. I placed the old sinks in front of my house, and the trash collectors took them. What a pleasant surprise for me. I didn't have to wait for Special Pick–up.

Years ago, the guy who lived across the street from me happened to own a liquor store. He gave the trash collectors bottles of booze. The trash collectors seemed very merry that year.

The FedEx guy, though, is my favorite. I have gotten to know him over the years, and we chitchat about sports, especially the Redskins. He is always on time, and I do appreciate his professionalism.

One Christmas, I did pass out Starbucks gift cards, but I kind of like the idea posted on this thread about handing out McDonald's gift cards. I think \$10 is sufficient. After all, it is the thought that counts!
:>)

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Taxation without Representation, but we have good trash service

Re: OT–Do any of you tip your postal person?

Judity wrote:

I never thought of leaving money for them at Christmas, but I have bought a box of See's candy for them in past years. This year, she's getting a box of chocolate turtles from Figis. My postal person does have many boxes she delivers right to my front door, so I want some way to thank her.

What, if anything, do you do for people who provide services for you throughout the year? Below is what part of an article on the AOL Welcome screen said about tipping.

"United States Postal Service employees, on the other hand, are prohibited from accepting cash and discouraged from accepting gifts with a value of more than \$20. But don't let that stop you, especially if you have a regular mail carrier who you want to reward for going through hail and storm to deliver your mail: Consider a gift card from a local store or a coffee shop that's on their route.

· Mail carrier: U.S. government regulations allow postal–service employees to accept gifts up to \$20 each, but cash isn't allowed"

Judity

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