

Acceptable items for U.S. Mail delivery to include: letters in white envelopes and US Postal money orders (in US funds), photographs, newspaper clippings, written documents forwarded for signature and legal mail between attorney and inmate. All other items are considered contraband and will result in the envelope, and its contents, being returned to sender or investigated for criminal violation.

Incoming mail is distributed within 24 hours of receiving, excluding weekends and holidays. Deputies will distribute mail directly to the person addressed. Inmates are limited to no more than 20 pieces of mail in their cell at any time. Incoming mail is opened and inspected for money and contraband. All U.S. funds will be deposited to the inmate's trust fund account less any money owed. Magazines must come directly from the publisher. Books must come from the publisher, Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com.

Mail containing any of the following may be returned to sender:

- **Address labels / stickers \*a return address label on the envelope may be copied and given to the inmate**
- **Blank cards / blank postcards**
- **Cardboard, confetti, laminated items, metal clasps, plastic**
- **Personal checks, non United States Postal Service money order, cashier's checks**
- **Commissary items (envelopes, paper, stamps, stamped items)**
- **Coupons / gambling items**
- **Excessive coloring, puzzle pages, magazine / newspaper articles (limit 10 per envelope)**
- **Books and magazines not shipped directly from the publisher or Internet bookseller as stated below.**
- **Food items**
- **Letters written with Gel pens, metallic ink**
- **Glitter, glued items**
- **Inmate to inmate correspondence**
- **Lipstick or cosmetics**
- **Perfume, cologne or scented items**
- **Polaroid pictures with backings**
- **Racist or other inflammatory materials, including gang symbols and hand gestures**
- **Sexually explicit materials, nude/seminude photos, including babies and children**
- **Stickers, string, ribbon, white out**
- **Tobacco or tobacco products**
- **Unknown substances on envelope, paper, photos**
- **Greeting type Card (As of 12/10/12)**
- **Any non-white envelope (As of 11/15/15)**

**Address all mail as shown here.**



The diagram shows a white envelope with a green border. On the top left, there is a return address field with the text: "Your Name", "Your Address", and "Your City, State and Zip Code". On the top right, there is a postage stamp area with a green border and a yellow flower design. On the bottom right, there is a recipient address field with a red arrow pointing to it from the left. The recipient address is: "Inmate Name", "Whatcom County Jail", "311 Grand Ave", "Bellingham, WA 98225".