

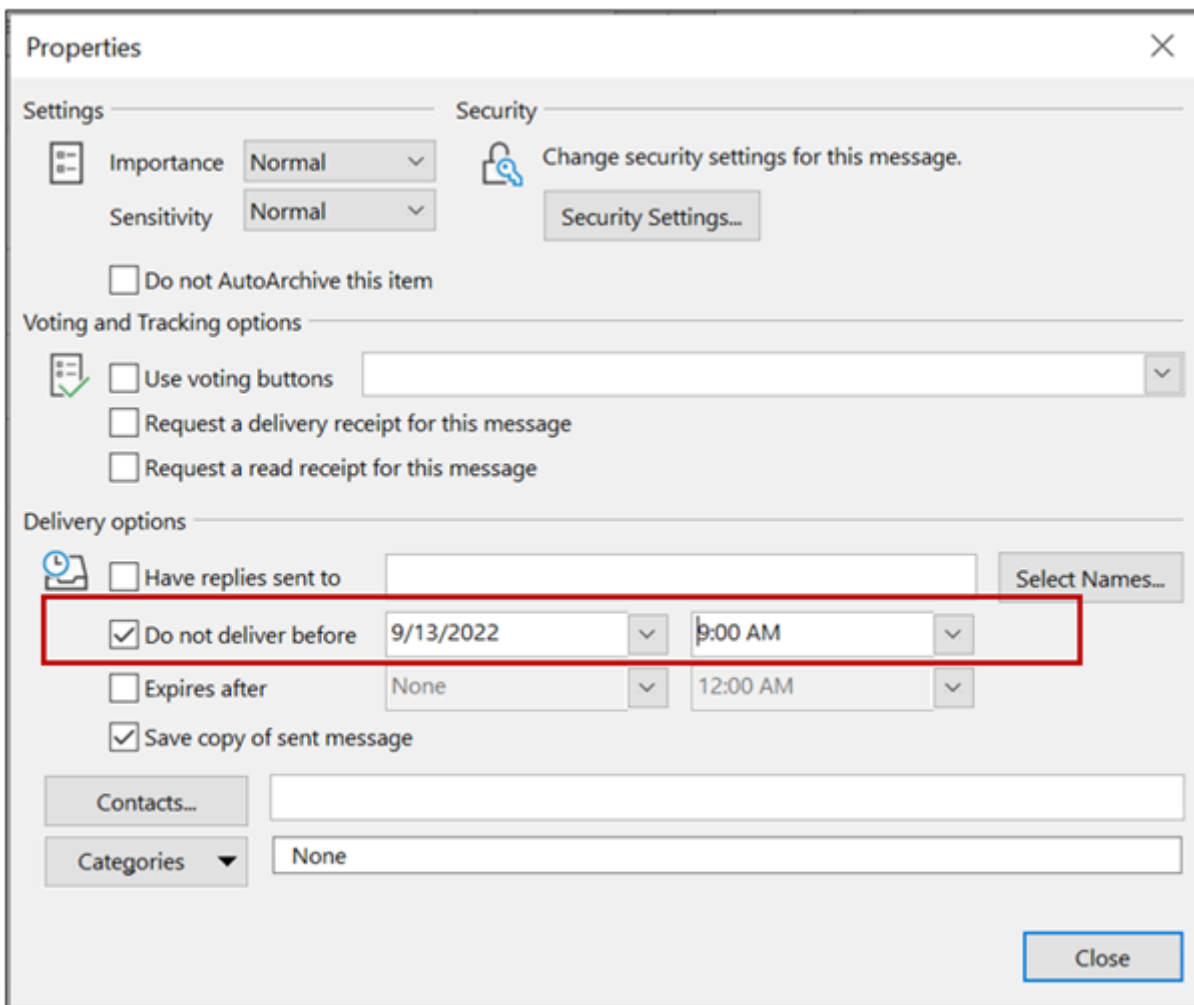
Fixing Delay Delivery stalls in Outlook ^[1]

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Delay Delivery is a great option when you prepare an email in advance of when you want it sent. If you haven't used the feature before, here are the steps.

For Outlook — Windows desktop version:

1. In the message you are composing, click the **Options** tab.
2. In the More Options group, click **Delay Delivery**.
3. Under Delivery options, check the box for **Do not deliver** before and select a date and time. Click **Close**.
4. In the message window, click **Send**. Now, the message remains in the Outbox folder until the delivery time you selected.

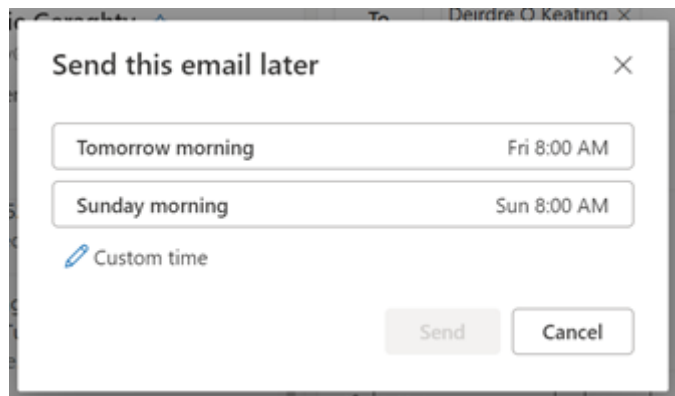


The screenshot shows the 'Properties' dialog box in Outlook, specifically the 'Delivery options' tab. The 'Do not deliver before' checkbox is checked, and the date and time are set to 9/13/2022 at 9:00 AM. A red box highlights this section. Other options include 'Importance' (Normal), 'Sensitivity' (Normal), 'Do not AutoArchive this item', 'Use voting buttons', 'Request a delivery receipt for this message', 'Request a read receipt for this message', 'Have replies sent to', 'Expires after', 'Save copy of sent message', 'Contacts...', 'Categories', and a 'Close' button.

Section	Option	Value
Settings	Importance	Normal
	Sensitivity	Normal
Voting and Tracking options	Use voting buttons	
	Request a delivery receipt for this message	
Delivery options	Do not deliver before	9/13/2022 9:00 AM
	Expires after	None 12:00 AM
Other options	Have replies sent to	
	Save copy of sent message	Checked

For Outlook — web version:

1. Compose your message and then select the dropdown menu next to the **Send** button.
2. Select **Send later**.
3. Select the date and time you'd like the email to be delivered (the window will suggest common times, but you can click "Custom time" to enter your own) and click **Send**.



A common challenge when using Delay Delivery in the desktop version is that the email will only send when the Outlook application is open. This can defeat the purpose of delaying the send if the point was to send a message while you are out of the office, for example.

This is because the desktop version of Outlook is running in Cached Exchange Mode. When you enable the **Do not deliver before** option, the message is stored in the local Outbox, not on the server.

However, there are **two workarounds** for this problem.

You can opt to use the web version of Outlook whenever you want to delay a send. Those emails will be saved to the server and send at the time you selected.

Alternately, you can change the settings of your Windows desktop version of Outlook so that it doesn't use the default cached mode. Here's how:

1. Click **File** in the top left of the Outlook task bar.
2. Select **Account Settings** in the main window.
3. In the Email tab, click **Change**.
4. Uncheck the box next to Use **Cached Exchange Mode**.
5. Click Next. When the message **Account successfully updated** appears, click **Done**.
6. Exit, and then restart Outlook.

Account Settings



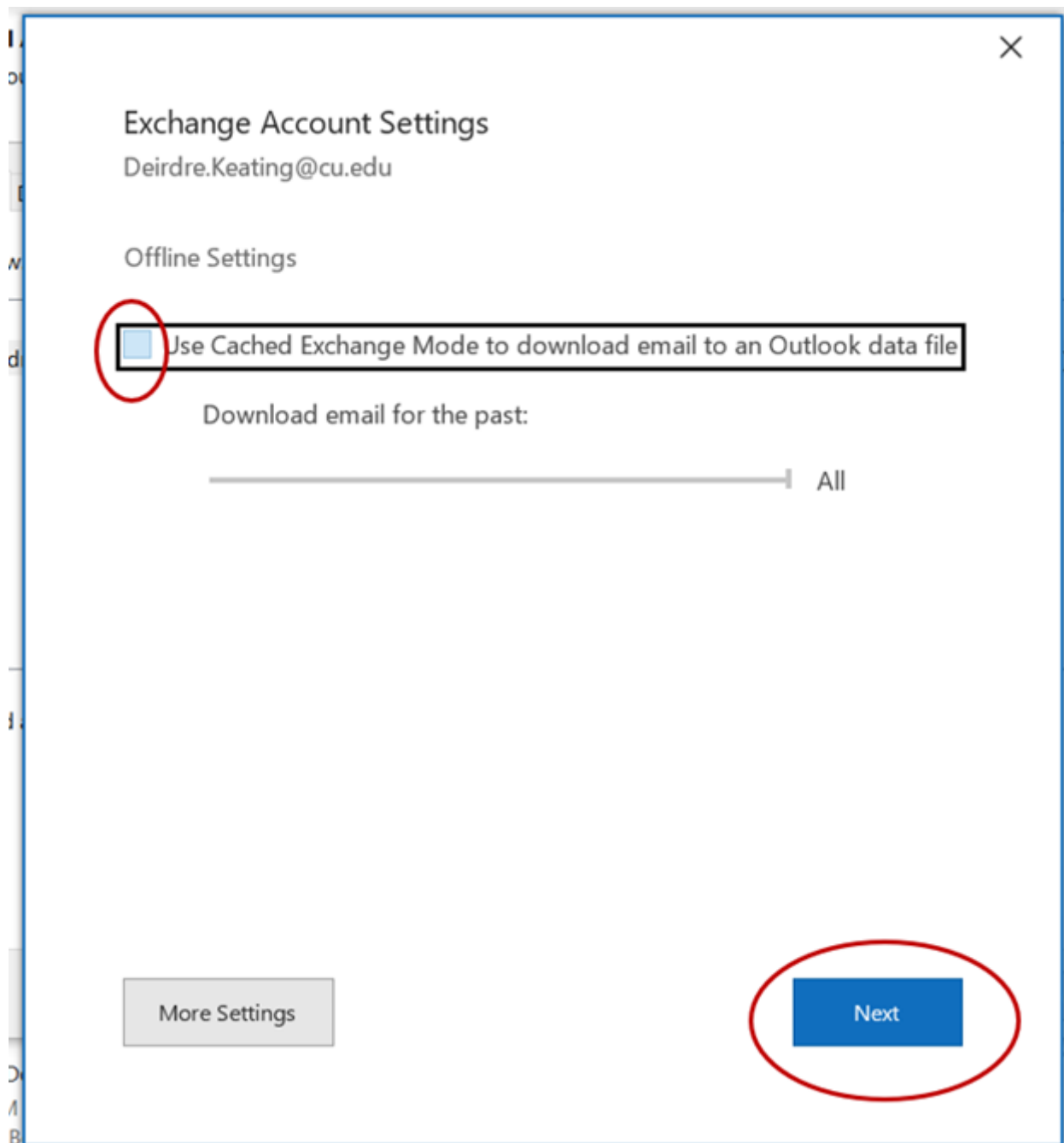
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Note: Any messages already scheduled for delayed delivery in your desktop app and stored in Outlook's local Outbox will be lost when you make this change. Save them as drafts, first, then schedule them for delay delivery after you've made the change and restarted Outlook.

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