

What you need to know

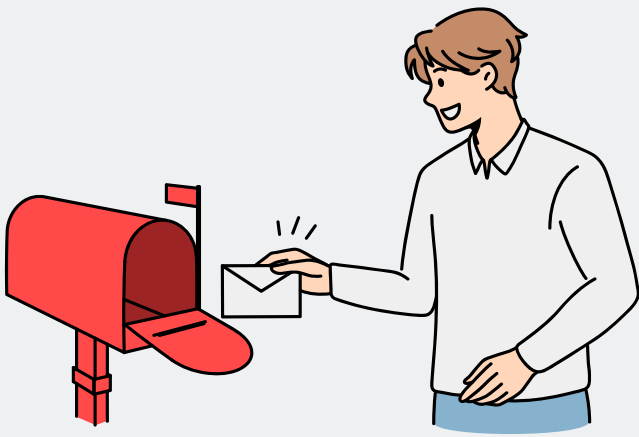
Mailbox Placement



Height of mailbox placement

Your mailbox should be 41 inches to 45 inches from the road surface.

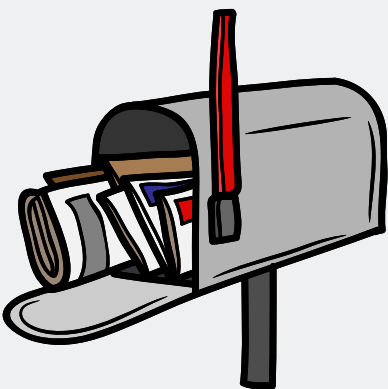
Why: The snow plow wing is 40 inches, having a mailbox at 42 inches is a risky minimum, and does not consider build-up of snow, ice or gravel



How far off the road should a mailbox be placed?

Your mailbox should be placed 6 inches to 8 inches back from the curb or shoulder.

Why: Snowplows have a 15-foot wide pass. NYS Traffic Law prohibits the snowplow from crossing the centerline. Hence anything 15 feet from the centerline will get hit.



Mailbox installation.

A 4" x 4" wood support or a 2" diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe.

Why: This is recommended by the Federal Highway Administration.



How deep should the post be buried?

The post should be buried no more than 24" deep.



Why all these standards?

Safety! The best mailbox supports must be stable but bend or fall away if hit.



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