

Mailbox Information

Installing the Post

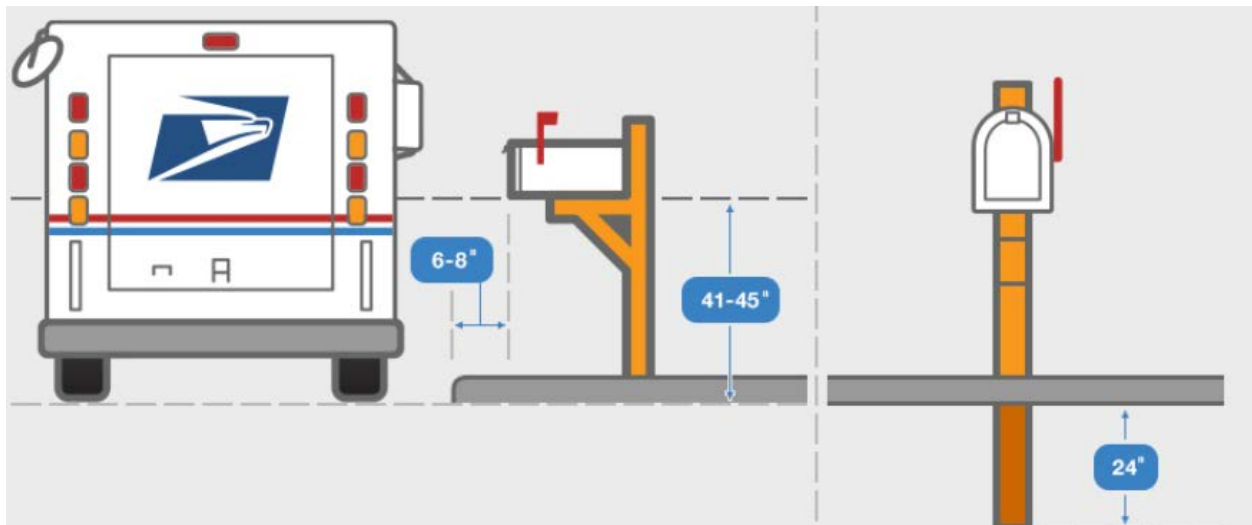
The best mailbox supports are stable but bend or fall away if a car hits them. The Federal Highway Administration recommends:

- Remember to call Iowa One Call at 811 before digging.
- A 4" x 4" wooden support or a 2"- diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe.
- Avoid unyielding and potentially dangerous supports, like heavy metal pipes, concrete posts, and farm equipment (e.g., milk cans filled with concrete).
- Bury your post no more than 24" deep.

Placing the Mailbox

Here are some helpful guidelines to follow when installing your mailbox:

- Position your mailbox 41" to 45" above ground level.
- Place your mailbox 6" to 8" back from the curb. If you do not have a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance.



Is your mailbox ready for the impact of winter snow plowing?

Be sure your mailbox conforms to city and postal standards. Avoid installation of paper delivery boxes, flower planters or other attachments beneath the mailbox.

- After proper installation, you need to conduct regular inspections and perform routine maintenance on your mailbox and post.
- Your mailbox should be able to withstand snow discharging off the end of the snowplow.
- Before contacting the city to report snowplow damage, please check to confirm the mailbox was physically struck by the plow.
- If a mailbox replacement is justified, a standard design mailbox with a treated 4" x 4" post will be installed.
- Property owners who install decorative materials in the right-of-way do so at their own risk.
- The final cleaning of snow adjacent to mailboxes is the responsibility of the property owner.