

Community Corner

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, buried no more than 24" deep.

Why: This is recommended by the Federal Highway Administration.



Why all these standards?



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



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