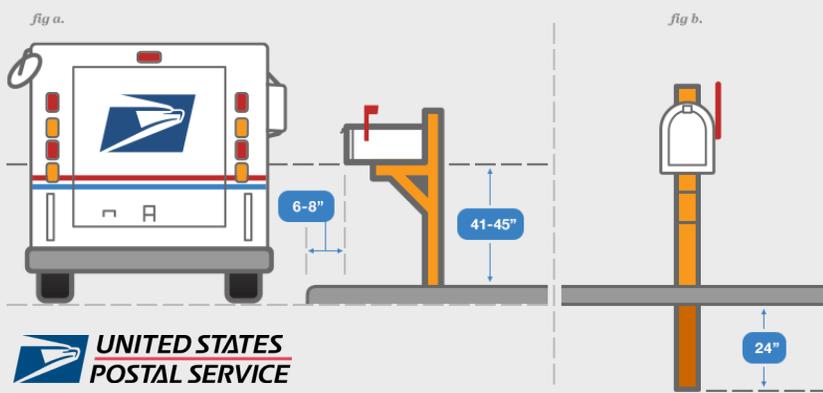


Mailbox Construction and Placement



Where To Place The Mailbox

For United States Post Office (USPS) standards, please visit their website.

www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm

Is Your Mailbox A Potential Lethal Weapon?

Mailboxes and mailbox supports contributed to more than 120 deaths and more than 4,600 injuries in Michigan during a recent five-year period. Why? Often because the posts were so strong or massive, they did not yield when hit. Some of these accidents resulted in lawsuits against the owners.

We're concerned about this problem and hope that by increasing awareness of it, we can avoid such death and injury in Saginaw County.

The Road Commission is authorized to remove mailboxes or posts that do not meet requirements and, therefore, are hazardous to the public. The owners will be notified and given between 24 hours and 30 days to conform to standards, depending upon the degree of hazard. If unacceptable installations are not removed within the specified time, the Road Commission will handle removal at the owners' expense, as provided by Act 368, Public Acts of 1925, as amended.

Public Act 368 of 1925

An ACT to prohibit obstructions and encroachments on public highways, to provide for the removal thereof, to prescribe the conditions under which telegraph, telephone, power, and other public utility companies, cable television companies and municipalities may enter upon, construct and maintain telegraph, telephone, power or cable television lines, pipe lines, wires, cables, poles, conduits, sewers and like structures upon, over, across or under public roads, bridges, streets and waters and to provide penalties for the violation of this act.

History: 1925, Act 368, Eff. Aug. 27, 1925; -Am. 1972, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Oct. 11, 1972.

The Saginaw County Road Commission is charged with the responsibility of maintaining roads and right-of-way under its jurisdiction in a safe condition for all motorist and pedestrians. Under the following law we have the ability and responsibility to remove any unnecessary obstructions from the road right-of-way.

Requirements

Standard mailboxes are allowed without a permit in the road right-of-way as a public service. Mailbox installation requirements are as follows:

- The face of the mailbox should be placed 6 to 8 inches off the face of the curb or the edge of the road shoulder. This will ensure that the mailbox is out of the way of our roadside maintenance crews, but still safe and convenient for your mail carrier.
- Single mailboxes should be installed on 4 inches by 4 inches or 4.5-inch diameter wood posts or steel posts less than 3 pounds per foot.
- These supports should be embedded with no more than 24 inches in the ground.
- Mailboxes shall have colored or reflective numbers that are not less than 1 inch in size. Groups of mailboxes must be in sequential order, if the box is not on the same side of the street as the residence.