

IONIA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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 Ionia County.

We hope you'll use the checklist included in this brochure to make sure your mailbox installation does not pose a hazard to the motoring public or a liability risk to you.

NOTE: No Masonry Structures Are Allowed. (Stone, Brick, Concrete.)

All mail boxes and supports shall be approved by the United States Postal Service.

County Mailbox Policy

If your mailbox is damaged by the Road Commission on:

County Roads—Bring the damaged mail box to our office and receive a replacement mailbox and/or post. Or you can purchase your own and bring the receipt to our office and you may be reimbursed up to \$20.

State Trunklines—Bring in damaged mailbox and receive a new replacement mailbox and/or post.



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Location/Structure



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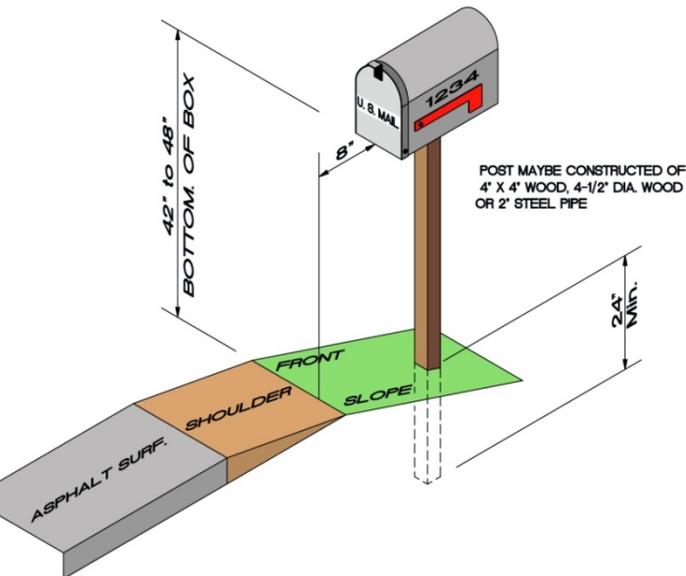
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Mailbox and mailbox support checklist

Location

- Mailbox is located on the right hand side in the direction of the carrier's route of travel, except on one-way streets.
- Mailbox height is between 42 inches and 48 inches above the road surface.
- Mailbox face is between 8 inches and 12 inches from the outside edge of the road shoulder or 6 inches to 12 inches from the curb.
- Mailbox near an intersection is no closer than 100 feet from the centerline of the intersecting road.



Structure

- Mailbox is of light steel, aluminum or plastic construction that meets U.S. Postal Service requirements.
- No more than two mailboxes are mounted on a single support structure.
- Mailbox post is a single 4-inch x 4-inch wood post, 4 1/2-inch diameter wood post
- Mailbox post is not set in concrete.
- Mailbox post is not fitted with a bottom anchor plate.
- Mailbox is attached to the post well enough to prevent separation if either box or post is struck by a vehicle.
- Minimum spacing between the center of grouped support posts is three-fourths the portion of the posts' height that is above the ground.
- Address numbers shall be displayed on both sides of the mailbox and be at a minimum of 2" high. (NOTE: Address numbers shall also be displayed on the House/Structure at a minimum of 3" high. If your house cannot be seen from the road, then your address shall also be displayed at the end of your driveway)

Please see Ionia County Address Ordinance for complete details and guidelines.

If your mailbox location or structure is not in compliance with regulations cited in the checklist, make adjustments now. Don't let your mailbox post be an accident waiting to happen.

And if you have questions, call your local post office or the Ionia County Road Commission.

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.

