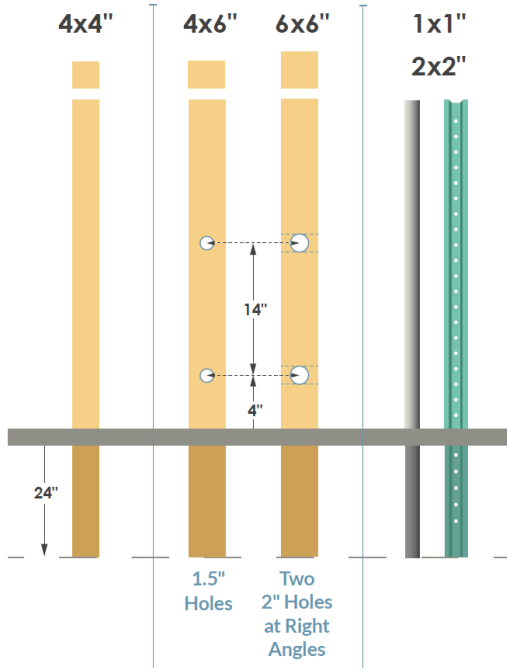


Mailbox Post Guidelines

Mailbox posts must be sturdy enough to hold up the mailbox in all types of weather, but also not pose a hazard to vehicles that leave the road. If a mailbox support is struck by a vehicle, it must easily break away.

Acceptable Supports:



- 4" x 4" wooden post. Larger wooden posts (4" x 6" or 6" x 6") may be used only if post is drilled through with an appropriate spade bit to create a breakaway post.
- One-inch to two-inch round diameter steel or aluminum pipe, or standard U-channel post.
- No post may be embedded more than two feet into the ground.

Unacceptable Supports:

- Anything filled with concrete,
- Masonry and stone structures,
- Heavy steel structures,
- Large diameter wood posts,
- Posts fitted with an anchor plate,
- Posts set in concrete, and
- Most objects that were intended for other uses (e.g., antique plows, I-beams, etc.).

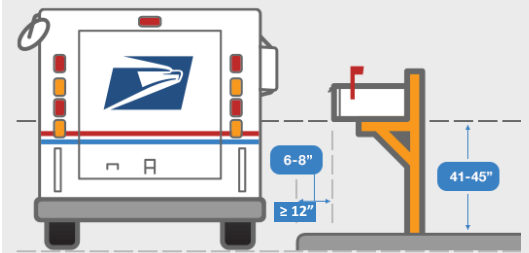


Other Considerations

Please be sure to follow all United States Postal Service (USPS) guidelines when choosing and installing your mailbox.

Make sure your mailbox is safely set back at a minimum of 1 foot from the edge of the road shoulder – regardless of whether the shoulder of the road is gravel or paved.

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.



Please Note:

The OCRC may consider accepting other mailbox support post types if a breakaway design can be demonstrated or the support has been approved by AASHTO.

If you have questions, call us at 616-842-5400 and ask to speak with the Traffic Engineer.