

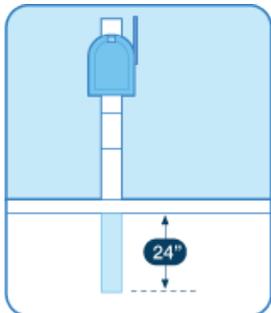
Wood County Mail Box Policy

The Wood County Engineer has a duty to provide safe, passable county roads for the traveling public. Mailboxes not in compliance with the U.S. Postal regulations are a safety hazard and an obstruction to the safe use of county roads. Please refer to the U.S. Postal Service mailbox size and placement requirements below. Ohio Revised Code §5547.03 provides for the removal of obstructions such as noncompliant mailboxes from the roads within Wood County.

Mailbox Damage: Wood County will repair or replace mailboxes damaged by direct contact with a county vehicle or by a county snow plow, but not snow thrown from a plow, while the vehicle performs county road maintenance or snow removal operations. Owners of damaged boxes must notify the Wood County Engineer's Office which will inspect the damaged mailbox to confirm contact with a county road vehicle. A box that meets the minimum size and cost requirements for the U.S. Postal Regulations shall be the replacement. Replacement location, height and distance from the pavement edge will also comply with U.S. Postal regulations.

To Report Damage: Please call 419-260-7299. A copy of this policy can be found at: <http://engineer.co.wood.oh.us/>

USPS Regulations Referenced



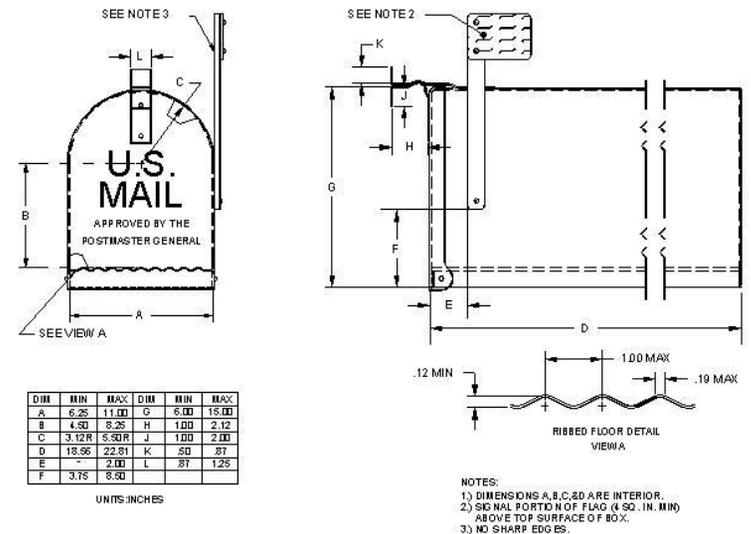
Mailbox Size Placement Requirements

- 1) Your local postmaster must approve the location of your mailbox.
- 2) Put a roadside mailbox where a carrier can reach inside without leaving the truck. That means positioning it about 41" to 45" off the ground.
- 3) If you're mounting a curbside mailbox on a post near the street, the support should be secure and safe. The best supports are designed to bend or fall away if a car hits them.

- 4) The Federal Highway Administration recommends:
 - A wooden mailbox support no bigger than 4" x 4".
 - A 2"-diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe.
 - Bury your post no more than 24" deep, so it can give way in an accident.
 - Don't use potentially dangerous supports, such as heavy metal pipes, concrete posts and farm equipment, such as milk cans filled with concrete.

More information at: <https://www.usps.com/manage/know-mailbox-guidelines.htm>

Figure 1: U.S. Postal Standard Mailboxes, Curbside



A full list of USPS mailbox specifications at: <http://about.usps.com/publications/engineering-standards-specifications/spusps-std-7b01/welcome.html>