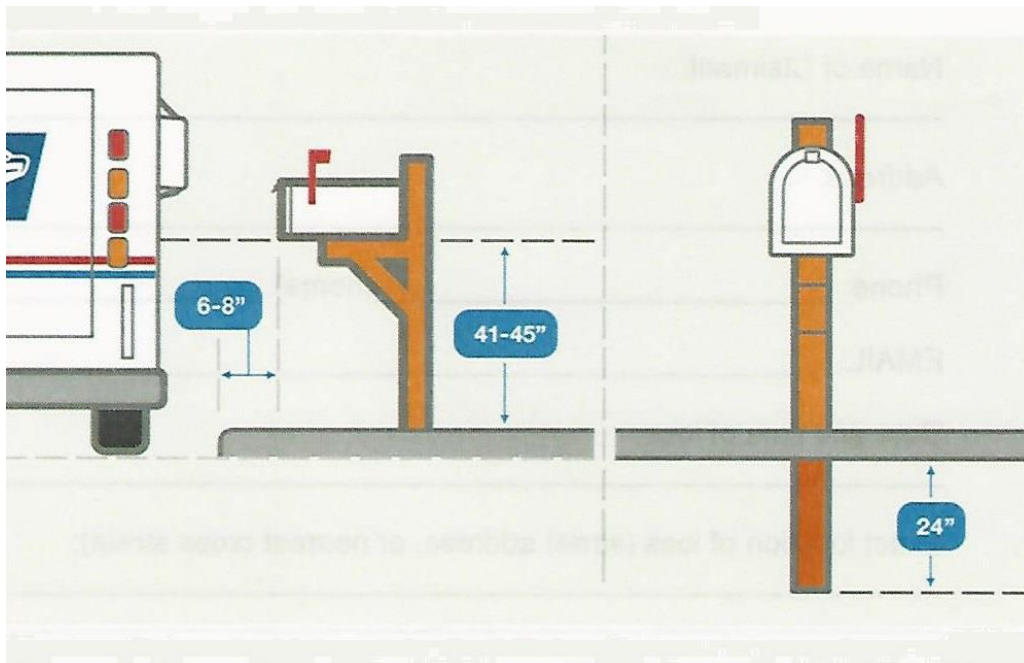




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United States Postal Service Mailbox Post Guidelines



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.

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
- Farm equipment, such as milk cans filled with concrete

In areas with lots of snow, we suggest a semi-arch or extended arm-type support. That way, snowplows will be able to sweep under without knocking it down.