

Curbside mailboxes

Installation policies

Installation of curbside mailboxes must meet specific construction standards, which can be obtained from the local Post Office™ facility. For United States Postal Service® STD-7, Mailboxes, City and Rural Curbside, you may write to:

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8403 LEE HWY
DELIVERY & CUSTOMER SVCS EQUIPMENT
USPOSTAL SERVICE - ENGINEERING

The following are a few of the regulations that apply when installing a curbside mailbox:

- **Important:** Before installing, moving or replacing your mailbox or mailbox support, you will need to contact your Postmaster or mailperson from your local Post Office™.
- All mailboxes must be approved by the Postal Service™.
- Custom made mailboxes will be approved by the Postmaster if they meet established standards.
- Name put on box should be at least one inch high.
- Generally, the boxes should be installed with the bottom of the box at a vertical height of between 41-45 inches from the road surface.
- A mailbox with a lock must have a slot large enough to accommodate customer's daily mail volume.
- Advertising on a mailbox or the supporting post of the mailbox is prohibited.

A receptacle for newspaper delivery by private companies may be attached to the post of a curbside mailbox used by the Postal Service if the receptacle:

1. Does not touch the mailbox or use any part of the mailbox for support.
2. Does not interfere with the delivery of mail, obstruct the view of the mailbox flag, or present a hazard to mailperson or vehicle.
3. Does not extend beyond the front of the mailbox when the box door is closed.
4. Does not display advertising, except the publication title.

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Delivery notes