

# Chichester Highway Department

## Mailbox Installation Recommendations

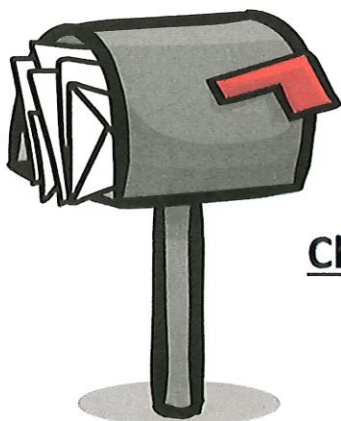
United States Postal Service regulations require mailboxes to be constructed of light sheet metal or plastic of adequate strength and size to withstand New England weather. Further mailboxes should be installed between 42 and 48 inches above the ground.

The Chichester Highway Department recommends mailboxes be ideally installed between 44 and 48 inches measured from the ground surface to the bottom of the mailbox. This should allow the Highway Department's wing plow to pass under the box yet not to high for the local carriers to reach. Further the Department's experience has shown that many plastic mailboxes do not stand up well to New England winter or vandalism.

The mailbox post and support should be neat, of adequate size and strength to support the mailbox and withstand New England weather, but not be so massive as to be a potential danger to the motoring public or cause damage to the Town's maintenance equipment. The face of the mailbox should be at least three (3) feet from the edge of the pavement where practical and the post should be at least five (5) feet from the edge of the road pavement where practical. In addition, mailboxes should be at least 100' feet from any intersection.

The area under the mailbox should be no higher than the paved roadway or dirt roadway and be paved or constructed of compacted gravel. This area under and around the mailbox is the responsibility of the postal customer to maintain.

The Town of Chichester Highway Department does not replace damaged mailboxes. The Road Agent should be contacted for proper placement of the mailboxes within Town Right of Way. We will also not replace or be responsible for mailboxes which are damaged due to deteriorated condition, thrown snow, vandalism or vehicles hitting the said mailbox and post.



Thank You

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