

How to Install a Post-Mount Mailbox



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Step 1: Gather your tools

Make sure you have every item readily available before you begin the mailbox installation process:

- Measuring tape
- Standard level
- Post pole digger
- Shovel
- A 50-pound bag of fast setting concrete mix



Step 2: Dig a post hole

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Step 3: Place the mailbox post

The Federal Highway Administration recommends choosing a mailbox support that is stable but can bend or fall away if hit by a car. A 3.5" Wide by 60" High Salsbury Standard Mailbox Post or a 4" Wide by 81" High Salsbury Decorative Mailbox Post are all good options. Stay away from potentially dangerous supports like heavy metal pipes or concrete posts. Here is an easy checklist to follow:

- Start by inserting the mailbox post into the hole.
- Then, use support beams to prop the post up, but make sure they don't shift when it's time to pour the concrete.
- Use your measuring tape again, to ensure you are abiding by the "42 inches above the ground" rule.
- Make sure your mailbox post is straight by using a level



Note: Always check with local U.S. Postal officials before proceeding with mailbox replacement projects.

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Step 4: Pour the concrete and allow it to set

To prepare your concrete, follow the instructions on the back of the bag. Pour the mixture into the hole, but don't fill it all the way. You want to leave a couple of inches between the concrete and the ground. Use the level to double-check that the mailbox is still straight. You can still adjust it before the concrete begins to dry. Don't take the support beams out until the concrete is completely set (the time might vary depending on which brand you are using).



Step 5: Attach the mailbox and add your street numbers

Attaching the mailbox should be fairly easy to do by following Salsbury Industries instructions for the specific mailbox orders. Your street address or house number should go on the side or front of the mailbox, and any numbers should be at least one inch above the base of the mailbox. In the case that your mailbox is on a different street than your home, USPS requires you to use your full street address.

Now that you know how to install a mailbox, check out our wide selection of USPS-approved residential mailboxes and find one that best fits your needs and home architecture.

