

Mail Chests - 4350

In-Ground Mount Pedestal Installation Instructions

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Installing the In-Ground Mounted Post Into Concrete

When you install a curbside mailbox, make sure that it is easily accessible to the mail carrier. By regulation it should be 41" to 45" from the ground or street surface up to the inside floor of the mailbox. The door should be set back 6" to 8" back from the front face of the curb or the road edge. However, you should check with your local postmaster to ensure that the mailbox is installed according to local regulations.

Dig the hole for the concrete footing, and prepare the concrete. You will need approximately 4-1/2 cubic feet. The top surface of the footing should be about 12" by 18" and extend 36" into the ground. See the illustration for the relative position of the rectangular footing to the post and mailbox. The bottom of the hole for the concrete footing should be filled with about 6" of gravel to promote drainage under the post. The top of the footing should be sloped for water runoff.

The concrete must be below the frost line. Otherwise the post will move when the ground freezes. Be careful not to puncture water, sewer, or gas lines when digging holes for footing.

Set the post in the hole approximately 18" down. Fill the hole with the prepared concrete mix. Prod the mix with a stick while filling to reduce any air pockets. If you want to conceal the concrete, pour it to within a few inches of the top of the hole and cover with soil after the concrete has set. Use a carpenter's level on the sides of the post to ensure that the post is aligned vertically. Periodically check the vertical alignment of the post as the concrete is curing.

