

# TOWN OF WALPOLE

New Hampshire

## Mailboxes and Structures in the Town Right of Way Policy

- The face of the mailbox must be at least two feet from the edge of the pavement.
- The mailbox post must be at least four feet from the edge of the pavement.
- From the pavement to the bottom of the mailbox or support base must be at least 50 - 57 inches.
- On dirt roads, the mailbox will be placed as if the edge of the road were the edge of the pavement.
- The house numbers should be visible on the approach side of the mailbox with numerals of at least one inch in height.
- Approach shoulders must be sufficiently stable to support motor vehicles stopping during all weather conditions.
- Mailbox supports should be strong enough to support the box and contents plus resist normal and winter road maintenance activities, but no more substantial than required to resist service loads and reasonably minimize vandalisms.
- Mailbox installations unreasonably overconstructed shall be considered hazardous to the motoring public and/or Town equipment and will be removed.
- The best mailbox supports are stable but bend or fall away if a car hits them. The federal highway administration recommends:
  - A 4" x 4" wooden support or a 2" diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe.
  - Do not use unyielding and potentially dangerous supports, like heavy metal pipes, concrete posts, and farm equipment (e.g., milk cans filled with concrete).
  - Bury your post no more than 24" deep.
- During snowstorms and road maintenance if the mailbox was erected according to these regulations and was damaged by contact with the plow or equipment, it will be repaired by the Town. If the mailbox was damaged by snow load without contact, this becomes an act of nature, and the homeowner will be responsible for the repair.

### Fences, walls, and other structures

Any structures or item other than mailboxes in the Town right of way will be considered a nuisance and may be removed by the town or if damaged will not be replaced.



**For all questions related to the policy, please contact:**

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