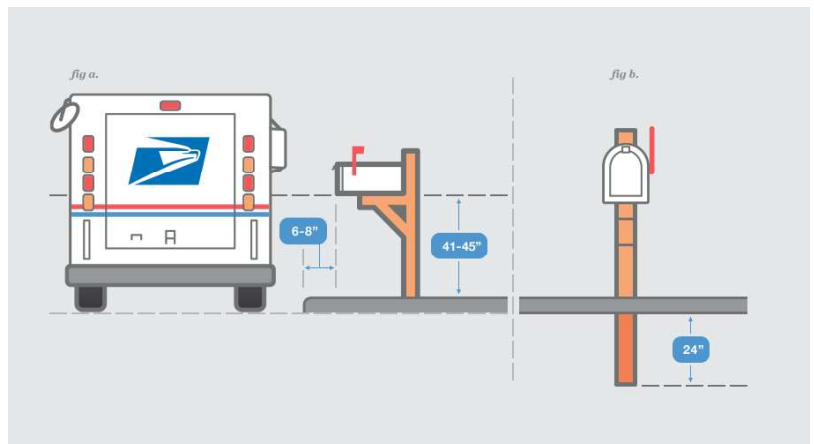


MAIL BOXES

It is understood that most mailboxes are located within the public Right of Way and therefore damage to a mailbox is very often unavoidable. It is assumed there is a shared responsibility between the Village and the homeowner when mailboxes are damaged during maintenance operations. There is a minimum speed, that needs to be maintained to adequately move the snow, and boxes can be damaged even at walking speeds. Various conditions dictate these speeds. Mailboxes and posts that have been damaged by an actual impact with Village equipment will be replaced by the Village of McFarland. The Village does not replace or repair mailboxes that are damaged by snow, slush, ice or any debris thrown/exiting by the plows.

When mailboxes are damaged (physically hit by a plow), the Village will attempt to repair the existing box or post. If it is beyond repair, then a simple silver, white or black mailbox and a treated 4"x4" wood post will be installed, at the discretion of the Public Works Department, when weather conditions allow installation. No decorative styles or types of mailboxes will be replaced, nor any landscaping or exterior feature(s). In cases where boxes are hit and maintenance repairs cannot be performed, a \$50 allowance will be made to the homeowner if the mailbox was installed per U.S. Postal Service regulations, regardless of the size, original cost or elaborateness of the damaged mailbox and post. Notification of an incident must be made within 48 hours to the Village for any type of repair or consideration.

In order for the village to reimburse for a mailbox that was physically hit, a gauge will be used to determine proper placement. The homeowner will need to dig the snow out in front of the mailbox to reveal the curb. We then use a measure guide and level up from the curb face. If your mailbox is still on the post and the guide touches the mailbox, it does not meet USPS regulations. If your mailbox is not on the post, we measure back to the base of the post and subtract the length of your mailbox to determine how far back the face of the mailbox was. If the measurement is less than 6", it does not meet USPS regulations. In cases where there is no curb, the edge of the pavement will be used.



The Village will not be held responsible for mailboxes that are rotted, vandalized, rusted or decrepitated or those that are not up to current United States Postal Service (USPS) standards. USPS standards indicate that the bottom of the mailbox should be 41 to 45 inches above the road surface and the front of the mailbox should be setback 6-8 inches from the face of the curb or edge of pavement if no curb is present. Facing the house the mailbox should be to the left of the driveway. The mailbox post should be buried in the ground 24 inches. Please contact the USPS for additional information.