

Linwood Township Mailbox Policy

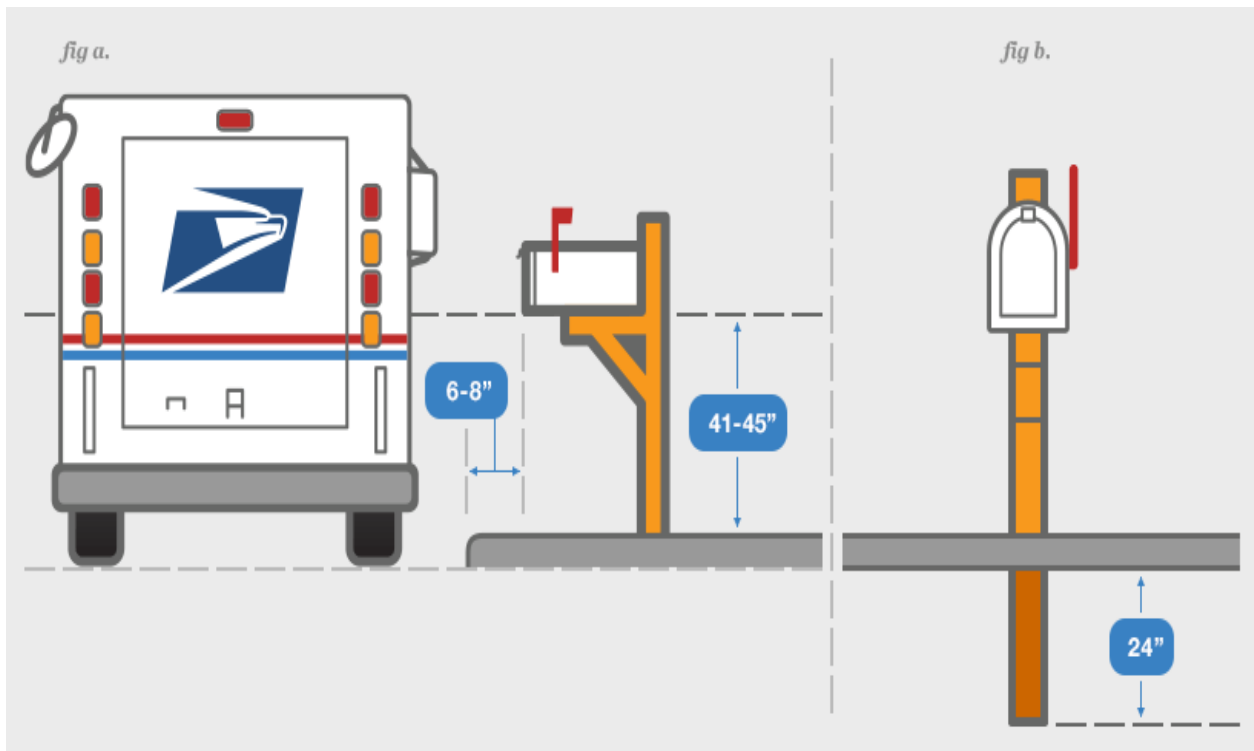
Policy Statement

Every year, Linwood staff get calls about damaged mailboxes due to snow plowing. The Township will only do repairs to the mailboxes that comply with Minnesota Department of Transportation mailbox support swing-away type as described in the policy guidelines and that are physically hit by the township snow removal equipment.

Policy Guidelines

The Township would prefer that the use of swing away mailbox stands are used, but is not requiring them. The Township however is requiring that the same height and setbacks are followed. In the case that a swing-away mailbox is not being installed, here are the post requirements.

State law mandates that all mailbox supports meet the following criteria. Wood posts cannot be larger than 4 x 4 inches. Metal pipe can be no larger than 2 inch inside diameter, standard steel or aluminum. There should be one support for one box or two for a group of boxes. The supports should yield or collapse if struck, bend or fall away from the vehicle, not create severe deceleration, not be fitted with an anchor plate (metal post), not be embedded in the ground more than 24 inches. There is to be 42-inch clearance from the road surface to the bottom of the box or support to allow for the snow plow to get under the structure. The Public Works Department also requires that paper tubes mounted on mailbox posts must meet the 42-inch clearance. Contact the Township to get a copy of the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation mailbox regulations.



For your safety call **GOPHER STATE ONE CALL** for location of underground utilities at least four days ahead of digging.

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