

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Secure Your Mailbox Post: Impress Your Mailman

(NAPSA)—Whether moving into a new home or defining the unique character of your property, most homeowners will eventually need to install or replace a mailbox and mailbox post. Luckily, this is a relatively simple and inexpensive weekend-friendly undertaking.

Solid footing is crucial to successfully installing a mailbox post—providing the long-lasting durability necessary for your mailbox to weather the elements.

To install a new mailbox post, homeowners will need QUIKRETE Fast-Setting Concrete, which typically sets in 20 to 40 minutes, a building form, gravel or crushed stone, a level, shovel or post-hole digger, pressure-treated wooden post and, of course, a mailbox.

- Begin by checking with your local postmaster as to what type of mailbox to purchase. Generally, mailboxes should be placed 3-1/2 feet to 4 feet from the road, with the front of the mailbox 6 inches to 8 inches from the curb.

- Next, dig a hole one-third the length of the post, plus an additional 6 inches for gravel. The diameter of the hole should be about three times the diameter of the post.

- Pack the dirt inside the hole to remove any air pockets, and pour 6 inches of gravel into the hole for proper drainage.



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- Before pouring the concrete mix, position a QUIK-TUBE building form in the hole and backfill for added durability.

- Place the mailbox post in the hole. Throughout the project, use a level to make sure the post remains parallel with the ground.

- Pour the dry concrete mix into the hole until it is between 3 inches to 4 inches from the top.

- Follow the directions on the bag by incorporating water into the dry concrete mix, allowing the water to soak in completely.

- Once the mix begins to firmly hold the post, start filling in the hole with dirt.

- Wait about four hours before mounting your mailbox onto the post.

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