

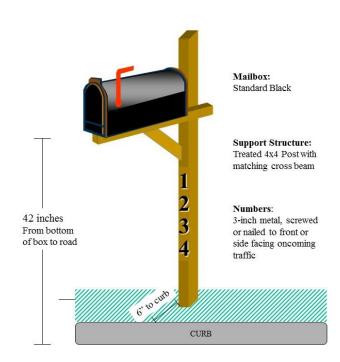
## **Guidelines for Mailboxes**

These guidelines outline the acceptable standard for mailboxes as defined by the *Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Springmont*, Gwinnett County, the US Postal Service, and the Architectural Control Committee (ACC).

All changes to any property require approval by the Architectural Control Committee. The Association is granted authority to control any changes to property by Article Two of the *Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for Springmont*. The Declaration applies every property in Rivergate, Springmont, Greenfield Estates and Oak Creek Forest. The ACC is the final authority on approvals and may base its decision on any grounds, including purely aesthetic. (Article Two, Section 1(d))

Approval for mailbox replacement is based on these guidelines.

- 1) The acceptable (preferred) mailbox type is a post-and-beam support with a standard rural route black mailbox as show in the diagram.
- 2) Brick and stucco mailboxes that match the house maybe replaced with the same structure after written approval from the ACC.
- 3) Mailbox supports are treated wood of a 4x4 post and cross beam. The wood may be pressure treated pine or cedar and may be stained natural wood tone. Cedartone is preferred. Mailboxes and support structure must each be one uniform color.
- 4) The mailbox post must be numbered with 3-inch metal numbers that are visible to oncoming traffic (Gwinnett County ordinance 14-221). Black, white or brass numbers are acceptable. The numbers should be fastened to the vertical post (or stucco/brick structure) with weather-resistant screws or nails. The numbers should be centered between the ground and the mailbox.
- 5) The bottom of the mailbox must be 42-inches up from the pavement. The mailbox door must be within 6-inches to the curb. (US Postal Regulation DMM 508).
- 6) Mailbox gardens are permitted provided that the plants do not obstruct vision of oncoming traffic nor obstruct the delivery of mail.
- 7) Mailboxes and supports must be maintained in good repair and kept free of rotting wood, chipping paint, cracked stucco, missing bricks, cracked mortar and the like. Mailbox vertical posts must be straight (up and down). Post may or may not be set in cement.
- 8) No plastic-type mailboxes, nor aluminum supports.
- 9) There may only be one mailbox per property.



**Suggestions**: Both cedar and pressure treat support structures are available at Home Depot and Lowes. Please ask the store associate where they are located. Cedar looks nice but is a soft wood that needs more care such as pressure washing and stain to maintain its appearance. You will need a bracket to connect the mailbox to the cross beam (ask at the store).