

Mail box replacement information,

Since the Covenants and Restrictions specify uniformity in mailboxes, please replace your mailbox post and mailbox with the following, available from Lowe's. The prices are as of June 9, 2012; they are subject to change, and are given only to give guidance on approximate expected costs.

Get from Lowe's:

Gothic top pressure-treated wooden mailbox post #30332 (\$23.97)

Mailbox mounting board #4642 (\$3.47)

Classic large black galvanized steel mailbox #39084 (\$24.97)

Quikrete #222710 (\$2.80)

Primer paint Bull's Eye 1-2-3 Primer #45661 (1 quart) (\$9.47)

Valspar white semigloss white paint #336709 (1 quart) (\$17.98)

Recommended procedure: Make sure post is dry after being treated. Have it outside, exposed to the sun, for a couple of days. Paint the post and mounting board with primer; wait a day. Paint with semigloss paint. Wait a day. Install post and attach mailbox. The products and procedure are recommendations from Lowe's.

Check with Lowe's that they have the mailbox post and mailbox in stock; they are willing to get what you need from another store.

If you need assistance in the painting and installation, you can call Bill Large at 720-0095 (King Realty) for the name of a handyman he can recommend.

To maintain the attractiveness of the Cove, please have your mailbox replaced by January 31, 2013.

Mailbox Guidelines

So what makes a good mailbox?

From the wear and tear of daily use to constant assault from the elements, these guidelines will help you set up a mailbox that stands up to it all.

If you're buying a new mailbox, look for the **Postmaster General's seal of approval**; every new mailbox design should be reviewed and approved before it goes to market.

The house or apartment number should be clearly displayed on your mailbox.

If you're mounting a curbside mailbox on a post near the street, the support should be secure and safe. The best supports are designed to bend or fall away if a car hits them.

The Federal Highway Administration recommends...

- a wooden mailbox support no bigger than 4" x 4".

Bury your post no more than 24" deep, so it can give way in an accident.

Put a roadside mailbox where a carrier can reach inside without leaving the truck. That means positioning it about 41" to 45" off the ground and back about 6" to 8" from the curb.