

Guidelines for Posting Emergency 911 Address Numbers

The following guidelines will assist you in correctly posting your assigned emergency 911 address number. If you have a question in reference to posting your assigned emergency 911 address number, call 301-475-4200, extension 1500.

1. The number shall be displayed in a location visible from the road which the number is assigned
2. Numbers should be placed on both sides of the mailbox. However, displaying the number on the mailbox may not be all that is necessary under some circumstances if described in item 3 and or 4 below.
 - o There is no mailbox.
 - o The mailbox is on the opposite side of the road from the property.
 - o There are multiple mailboxes at the location and the home or building which goes with the mailbox is not clearly identifiable.
3. Number may be placed on the house, but only if they are readily visible from the road (usually within 50 feet) and the view of the numbers is not blocked by trees and shrubs
4. Numbers may be placed on a sign or post at the entrance to the right-of-way or shared driveway. One post, 39 inches to 40 inches high, shall be erected for a right-of-way or shared driveway serving more than one but less than four addresses and shall have if affixed to it address numbers to each house or unit served by that right-of-way or shared driveway. If the house or unit is not visible from the point at which the individual driveway breaks from the right-of-way or shared driveway, the address number must also be posted on the house or on an additional post must be erected at that point with the address number of that dwelling or unit.
5. Numbers should be at least 3 inches high.
6. Numbers should be plain block numerals, not script or written numbers
7. Numbers shall be set on a background or contrasting color, referable white or black.
8. Do not place number on utility poles, County road signs, or anywhere within the road right-of-way (except mailboxes)
9. Temporary display of addresses for new structures shall be maintained during construction.

If you receive your mail at a Post Office Box, then your mailing address will not change. However, you must still post the Emergency 911 Address on your property so that it can be located by emergency vehicles.