

Mailbox installations have been allowed on the edges of Maine's public roads and highways for decades and they are usually within the road right-of-way. However, it is important to recognize that:

- The mailbox must be installed in accordance with applicable standards to ensure that mail can be delivered and that the mailbox does not create an obstacle or safety hazard to those that use or maintain the highway, and
- The mailbox is installed entirely at the owner's risk. In other words, if the mailbox incurs damage during any sort of highway operations or maintenance, the property owner is not entitled to replacement or compensation. In fact, if the mailbox was not installed in accordance with the applicable standards as stated above, the owner may even be held liable for injuries or damages that may have been incurred as a result.

The MaineDOT has a mailbox policy for state and state aid highways and is shown below. Municipalities could adopt the same policy by using the model noted below that has been modified to apply to municipal roads.

- [MaineDOT Mailbox policy](#)
- [Sample Municipal Policy](#) (Word)