

10 Steps to Properly Display Your 9-1-1 Address

STEP ONE



KNOW YOUR 9-1-1 ADDRESS

Your 9-1-1 address is used by first responders to locate you during an emergency. If you recently built a new home, live in a rural area, or are unsure of your 9-1-1 address, contact your county's 9-1-1 addressing coordinator to obtain it.

STEP TWO



BE VISIBLE FROM BOTH DIRECTIONS

Post your address number on both sides of the mailbox. Emergency vehicles may not arrive from the same direction as your mail carrier. The entry to your driveway should also be marked with your 9-1-1 address numbers if the mailbox sits across the road from your house.

STEP THREE



BE VISIBLE IN THE DARK

Remember, responders may need to find you at night. Illuminate any numbers on your house at nighttime. Numbers on a mailbox or post at the end of your driveway should be reflective and on a highly contrasting background to ensure they're easy to see at night.

STEP FOUR



LOCATE NEAR THE ROAD

If your house is not visible from the road, post numbers on a sign, post, or pole so they can be clearly seen from the road. It is not recommended that you post the number on a gate or fence at the driveway because those numbers aren't visible when the gate is open.

STEP FIVE



USE LARGE NUMBERS

When creating 9-1-1 address number signs, use numbers that are at least 3 inches high and reflective so they can be seen at night, as well as during the day.

STEP SIX



POST TWICE ON LONG OR SHARED DRIVEWAYS

If your driveway leads to more than one address, post all numbers at the end of the driveway. Then post the correct number on each house or building.

STEP SEVEN



UNCOVER THE NUMBERS

Remember to frequently trim any bushes, weeds, flowers, or grass away from your signs so that all numbers are clearly visible. If you have hanging flowers, flags, or other items on your porch that block your 9-1-1 address numbers from being seen quickly by responders, move them.

STEP EIGHT



MARK SHARED MAILBOX AREAS

If your mailbox is located on a community post with other mailboxes, it is extremely important that you also post your address at the end of your driveway. It is impossible for an emergency responder to know which house is yours when there are shared mailboxes in an area and no signage on your driveway to identify your home.

STEP NINE



BUY OR MAKE YOUR SIGNS

You can purchase street numbers and 9-1-1 address sign kits at most hardware stores, department stores, and online. Some volunteer fire departments also have 9-1-1 address signs available for you to purchase.

STEP TEN



TEST IT OUT

Finally, drive the road to your house in both directions during the day and at night and see how quickly you can spot your 9-1-1 address numbers as you approach your driveway and then your home.