



RURAL MAIL BOXES

The Township of Melbourne uses the same rules as the “*Ministère des Transports*” (MTQ) regarding the location of mailboxes. They have been part of the Quebec landscape for many years.

The MTQ recognizes the importance for a rural owner to have his mailbox near his private entrance. However, it must be installed properly in order to be safe for the delivery of mail and / or newspapers or even in case of a car accident. The mailbox must not interfere with the maintenance of the shoulders of the road or snow removal.

The “*Ministère des Transports*” and Canada Post have set standards for installation and maximum impact resistance.

Any owner wishing to install a new mailbox must first contact the post office to know the regulations applicable at the intended location.

The regulations state that the installation must be done outside the shoulder of the road, but at a place that is normally part of the municipal road (right of way). The right of way generally extends a few meters beyond the shoulders. The shoulder is the part of the platform of the road between the road and the slope (edge of the ditch).

The road maintenance operator has an obligation to ensure the safety of the users of this road.

The Municipality, as responsible of the road it manages, tolerates the installation of mailboxes in its right of way to facilitate the distribution of mail. The owner of a box in this right of way must, however, respect the installation criteria of the Canada Post Corporation, responsible for the distribution of mail across Canada.

For more information, visit the “*Ministere des Transports*” website at www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca