

Mailbox Bed Planting Plan

Map out, plant, and maintain a postal-compliant garden that thrives all year.

Transform your curb with this resilient landscaping layout. You will easily create a beautiful, low-maintenance entrance that welcomes your mail carrier and boosts your home's curb appeal.

● Key Curb Dimensions

41–45 in

Box bottom above road surface

6–8 in

Door setback from curb face

1 in

Minimum house number height

12 in

Salt-tolerant curb row spacing

18 in

Middle-tier spacing from post

2 in

Layer of shredded hardwood mulch



● Prepping the Bed

- 1 Mark the layout** Tie a string to the post base to mark a symmetrical shape before removing turf.
- 2 Remove the turf** Slice sod into squares with a half-moon edger to expose bare topsoil underneath.
- 3 Amend the soil** Dig down and mix equal parts organic compost and expanded shale for root aeration.
- 4 Edge the perimeter** Install cobblestones, steel edging, or a deep V-trench to keep lawn grass out.

Sunken pots for swaps

Sink an empty plastic sleeve with three drainage holes and a gravel layer to easily drop in fresh 8-inch nursery pots for mess-free seasonal swaps.

● Establishing Bed Diameter

Find your row: **Post Location**

Post Location	Your pick	Why
Next to driveway	Half-circle or kidney	Minimum 36 inches wide
Centered on lawn	Full circle	Minimum 48 inches wide
Narrow parkway	Oval or rectangle	Minimum 24 inches wide

● Before You Dig

- Call 811 to locate underground utility lines before breaking ground.
- Hand-dig carefully near any painted utility marks.
- Check for buried sprinkler lines near the street edge.

● Plant List & Swap Schedule

- ☐ Ankle-high mail side: Creeping thyme or Angelina sedum
- ☐ Salt-tolerant curb row: Blue fescue and low-growing sedum
- ☐ Climbing vines: Clematis on thin vertical wire
- ☐ Summer swap pot: Bright coral impatiens
- ☐ Fall swap pot: Hardy yellow mums
- ☐ Winter swap pot: Ornamental kale

● **Garden Notes**

Enjoy your beautiful new curbside garden and all the neighborhood compliments!