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SETTING AND SECURING YOUR MAILBOX POST

QUIKRETE® Fast-Setting Concrete Provides Long-Lasting Durability

ATLANTA (Aug. 23, 2006) – Whether moving into a new home or defining the unique character of your property, most homeowners will eventually need to install or replace a mailbox and mailbox post. Luckily, this is a relatively simple and inexpensive weekend-friendly undertaking.

Solid footing is crucial to successfully installing a mailbox post to provide the long-lasting durability necessary for your mailbox to weather the outdoor elements.

To install a new mailbox post, homeowners will need QUIKRETE® Fast-Setting Concrete, which typically sets in 20 to 40 minutes, a QUIKRETE® QUIK-TUBE™ building form, QUIKRETE® All-Purpose Gravel or crushed stone, a level, shovel or post-hole digger, pressure-treated wooden post and a mailbox.

- Begin by checking with your local postmaster as to what type of mailbox to purchase. Generally, mailboxes should be placed 3-1/2 feet to 4 feet from the road, with the front of the mailbox 6 inches to 8 inches from the curb.
- Next, dig a hole 1/3 the length of the post, plus an additional 6 inches for gravel. The diameter of the hole should be about three times the diameter of the post.
- Pack the dirt inside the hole to remove any air pockets. Pour about 6 inches of QUIKRETE® All-Purpose Gravel into the hole for proper drainage.
- Place a QUIK-TUBE™ in the hole and backfill before pouring the concrete mix into the building form for added stability.
- Set the post into the hole. Use the level to make sure that the post is parallel with the ground throughout the project.

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- Pour the dry concrete mix into the hole until it is between 3 inches to 4 inches from the top.
- Follow the directions on the bag by incorporating water into the dry concrete mix and allow the water to soak in completely.
- Once the mix begins to firmly hold the post, start filling in the hole with dirt.
- Wait about 4 hours before mounting your mailbox onto the post.

For more information on repair and renovation projects, visit www.quikrete.com.

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