



Clallam County Fire District 3

Motto: *Serve, Respect,
Prevent and Protect*

Can We Find You in an Emergency?

In an emergency, police, fire and rescue workers depend on house numbers to find YOU as quickly as possible. Finding your home - especially at night - can be challenging if address numbers are unreadable, hidden, unlighted or have missing numbers and may delay emergency responders from getting to you as quickly as possible.

House Numbers – Are your house numbers visible from the street? Are they set on a background of contrasting color? If your house is hidden from the street, are your numbers attached to a visible fence, mailbox or gate? Is your mobile home identified with your house number? If you live on a corner, does your house number face the street named in your address?

If you've answered "no" to any of these questions, please follow the guidelines below to make sure your house number is easy to read:



- ◆ Numbers must be visible from the street. Residential address numbers should be at least 3 1/2 inches high.
- ◆ Numbers should be placed on a contrasting background, with a reflective coating on the numbers for easy visibility at night.
- ◆ Repair or replace aging address number placards, especially on mailboxes that are a distance from the front of the residence.
- ◆ Prune any bushes, tree limbs or other growth that has covered your house numbers.
- ◆ Numbers should be placed on or beside the front door. If your door is not easily seen from the street, put the numbers on a post, fence or tree at the driveway entrance so they can be clearly seen from the street.
- ◆ In addition to numbers on the front door of your house, if you have a rural-style mailbox, reflective and contrasting numbers should be placed on both sides of the box so they can be seen by an emergency vehicle approaching from either direction.

Green Address Signs – The green address signs issued by the County, quickly direct emergency responders to your location. The uniformity of these signs and their reflective numbers assist responders only when they are present, easily seen from the road, and in good condition. In an emergency, having a visible address sign could mean the difference between life and death, so they must be in place and properly maintained.

**In an emergency,
seconds count**

Address signs should be located at the entrance to your property and kept clean so they are easily read. Trimming grass and removing plants around them should be part of regular maintenance. Bent, rusted, or missing signs need to be replaced.

Examples of Poorly Maintained Address Signs



Address signs for newly developed property can be ordered in person at the Clallam County Courthouse at 223 E. 4th St. in Port Angeles. For a fee, you can purchase a new or replacement address sign and sign post. After you install the post at the entrance to your driveway, the county will come out and determine what your address should be and the sign will be made. Addresses are determined by a set formula that ensures quick recognition of a property's location.

Examples of Well Maintained Address Signs

