Reasons for Properly Displaying Your Address:

• Protection in case of emergency
  Protect your family and your property. If you need 911 services, fire, law enforcement and EMS will be able to find you faster. A visitor, child or an injured person may be unable to give clear directions. New emergency personnel may be unfamiliar with your area. Seconds count in an emergency!

• Identification for Utility Services
  Phone, electric, gas, cable and other companies rely on an address to begin a new service or respond to a maintenance issue.

• Identification for Mail Services
  Mail, package and other deliveries require an address. Having that address clearly shown will ensure prompt delivery.

• It’s the Law!!!
  See the back of this brochure for Wake County regulations.

Wake County Regulations:
Section 2-5-65 Display of road address numbers

  a. Road address numbers must be clearly displayed so that the location can be identified easily from the road.

  1. The official address number must be displayed on the front of a building or at the entrance to a building, which is most clearly visible from the street or road during both day and night.

  2. If a building is more than seventy-five (75) feet from any road, the address number shall be displayed at the end of the driveway or easement nearest the road, which provides access to the building.

  3. Numerals indicating the address number of a single-family dwelling shall be at least three (3) inches in height and shall be posted and maintained so as to be legible from the road.

  4. Numerals for multiple dwelling units and nonresidential buildings shall be at least six (6) inches in height and shall be placed on the front of the building facing the road or on the end of the building nearest the road.

  5. Numerals must be of contrasting color to the background.

  6. Mobile home lots shall have sequential address numbers throughout the park. Each lot will have a separate address number assigned. The address number of each lot must be clearly displayed on the lot so as to be legible from the road rather than mounted on the mobile home unit.

  b. The address program administrator will have the right to authorize and approve alternate methods of displaying house numbers, which meet the intent of this article when strict adherence to these standards cannot be reasonably be met. (Ord. of 6-30-88 & 5)

Questions?
Call Addressing/E9-1-1 Team at:
919-856-6210

It’s the Law
and
It’s for your Protection!

Wake County Sheriff’s Office
EVERY Home Needs an Address

Even if you rely on a post office box for mail delivery, it is important that your E9-1-1 address be posted on your property and be visible from the road.

In an Emergency, Every Second Counts! Place your address numbers...

You can help emergency responders locate your house by properly displaying your address and following some very simple guidelines:

• **Use Large Numbers**
  Every single-family house should use numbers that are at least 3” high. Multiple dwelling units such as apartments and duplexes, as well as non-residential buildings, should use numbers that are at least 6” high. The numbers should face the correct street.

• **Be Visible in the Dark**
  Put the numbers on your house under a light. Numbers on a mailbox or post should be reflective or on a highly contrasting background.

• **Be Visible From Both Directions**
  Numbers on your mailbox should be posted on both sides. Emergency vehicles may not arrive from the same direction as your mail carrier or delivery.

• **Locate Near the Road**
  If your house is not visible from the street, post numbers so that they are clearly visible from the road either on a pole, sign or post. If your house is across the street from a mailbox, post the number along the driveway.

• **Post Twice on Long or Shared Driveways**
  If the driveway leads to more than one address, post all numbers at the end of the driveway and also post the correct number on each building.

• **Uncover the Numbers**
  Several times per year, trim the bushes, vines, flowers and weeds so all numbers are clearly visible. Move flower baskets, flags and other items that may obstruct a clear view.

• **Each House Needs an Address**
  Two or more houses should not share a mailbox. Call the number below if you need additional addresses.

  (919) 856-6210

And

Properly displaying your numbers could save your life!