

Guidelines to Receive Mail at the  
Sengekontacket Mailboxes

**Use your street name and house number in your mailing address.**

(We have not used route numbers to our local mailboxes for several years.)

While the Sengekontacket property is physically in the township of Oak Bluffs, zip code 02557, our mail is delivered by the Edgartown PO, zip 02539.

*We get local delivery of mail only by using the Edgartown PO zip code 02539.*

Therefore, our mail delivery address should read **Edgartown, MA 02539** and not Oak Bluffs 02557. *This means that your mailing address will have a different city and zip code from your physical GPS address.*

For example:

The physical (**GPS**) address of the clubhouse is :

Sengekontacket Community Corporation  
10 Sengekontacket Road  
Oak Bluffs 02557

but the **USPS mailing address** is :

Sengekontacket Community Corporation  
10 Sengekontacket Road  
**Edgartown MA 02539**

for most non-governmental communications use:

*mailing & shipping address: (use for almost everything)*

house # & street name  
Edgartown, MA 02539

for most governmental communications use physical (GPS) address:

*\_\_\_\_\_ i.e for voting registration, car registration, etc*

\_\_\_\_\_ house # & street name  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02539

UPS and FEDEX deliver packages directly to your home. They understand that the mailing address (Edgartown) and the physical (GPS) address (Oak Bluffs) are the same and will get our packages delivered directly to your house.

USPS does not home deliver packages. All USPS mail is delivered to the mailboxes adjacent to the tennis courts. Packages with your Edgartown mailing address will be put into the large

package mailboxes below the letter mailboxes and the key to the package box will be placed in your letter mailbox. Larger packages are sometimes left in the large black unlocked mailboxes on either end of the mailbox cluster unit. If your package cannot fit into either box, then they will send the package to Edgartown and leave a pickup notice in your letter mailbox for later pickup at the Edgartown PO by the Triangle.

Frequently, if packages are sent via USPS using your physical GPS address (i.e. Oak Bluffs 02557) it will languish in the OB PO and if not picked up within 21 days it will be returned to the sender. Unfortunately, since this mail does not have your correct address, no messages are left for you in your local mailboxes and these packages frequently get returned to sender or are entirely lost to the system.

To further confuse the issue, the PO at Vineyard Haven is responsible for holding mail that is stopped or redirected to an off-island address. You have to use the yellow USPS hold mail cards and drop off or mail the card at the VH PO. The PO will usually not resume mail delivery until you pick up your held mail. While you can request an end date to reactive mail delivery, going to the VH PO and physically picking up your held mail has a much higher probability of getting your held mail restarted appropriately.

<https://faq.usps.com/s/article/USPS-Hold-Mail-The-Basics>