

Previously there has been some grey area when it comes to replacements for the legacy horizontal and vertical centralized mail units. Although, some USPS offices might provide discretion and grant approvals on 1:1 legacy unit replacement with 4B/4B+ units; We wanted to highlight what the USPS is communicating currently regarding replacement and renovation projects that have legacy units.

The Vertical and Horizontal Mailboxes do NOT meet current USPS requirements for Centralized Mail Delivery. When an apartment community or other multi-unit dwelling is renovated, the property should replace the obsolete 4B+ receptacles with the current USPS STD 4C mailboxes or CBU mailboxes.

- Owners and managers of apartment houses, or other multi-unit dwellings with obsolete apartment house mail receptacles should install up-to-date receptacles currently approved by the Postal Service to ensure safety of access and security of the mail. When such buildings are substantially renovated or remodeled, or when box locations change, obsolete receptacles should be replaced with currently approved receptacles.

Reference: Section 632.621 – [*USPS POM – Postal Operations Manual*](#)

- Renovations occurring anywhere within the building (not just the mail room) may prompt an upgrade to USPS current standards.

4C and/or CBU equipment meet current USPS requirements for Centralized Mailboxes. When an apartment community or other multi-unit dwelling is renovated, these products should be ordered to replace obsolete 4B+ equipment.

