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*2020 Property Maintenance Code
of New York States as follows:*

NYS PM § 304.3 Premises

identification. Buildings shall have *approved* address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be not less than 4 inches in height with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch.

Can First Responders Find Your Address?

Every second matters when you are faced with an emergency. Ensuring your address is adequately marked will provide first responders the ability to identify your location as quickly as possible. The following are key factors emergency responders have found to impact their ability to locate your address.

- Plainly Legible.
- Visible from the Street (Clearly from both directions on the road).
- Contrast with their Background.
- In a conspicuous location (above or beside front door, entry, mailbox or pillar).
- In a location that avoids snow buildup (not on the rear of step-risers or low to the ground).
- Clear from vegetation and trees.

Wasting precious time looking for the proper address can be the
Difference Between Life & Death!