



Montezuma County Addressing Project

The main purpose of the County Addressing Project is to make accesses easy to pinpoint for emergency responders and citizens. Inaccuracies in addressing can result in difficulties with emergency services, utility connections, package deliveries, UPS, FedEx, etc.

Information regarding your new address will be sent electronically to your local Post Office and the Address Management System. Please be aware the Post Office will only forward your mail from your previous address for **ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER**. After that time, mail addressed to your previous address will be returned to the sender and will be unable to be forwarded. **Note: A change of address does NOT in any way modify property deeds or legal description**

Montezuma County is sending notification letters to property owners. If you have a tenant / lessee you will need to notify them of this change. *Property owners are responsible for tenant/lessee notifications.*

If you receive your mail by rural mail delivery, you will need to change the address numbers on your mailbox to reflect your newly assigned address number as soon as possible.

The County notifies 911 services, Empire Electric, Montezuma Water Co. landline telephone companies, UPS, FED-X, etc. of changes. A full list can be found on the website.

Reflective address markers are available at the Cortez Fire Protection District at a cost of \$15.00. Located at 23 North Washington St., Cortez CO. 81321 Phone Number (970) 565-3157 Preferred installation is on gate/fence post at access location.

All in-ground markers require contacting the Utility Notification Center or 811 BEFORE markers can be installed in-ground.

All other parties that you receive rural mail from will need to be notified by you of this change (e.g. mortgage companies, banks, cell phone providers, etc.). You will also need to contact any other governmental offices, financial institutions, or any other businesses specific to you. This is *not* the responsibility of Montezuma County.

Helpful Numbers:

Colorado Driver's License notification - Colorado DMV- Cortez Office 970-565-9779

County Assessors Office- Update of tax bill MAILING ADDRESS if needed 970-565-3428

County Clerk and Recorder - Motor Vehicle and Voter Registration 140 W. Main Cortez CO 81321- 970-565-3728

Additional information on our website

<http://montezumacounty.org/web/departments/road-bridge/addressing/>

Or Contact

Montezuma County GIS Office

109 W. Main Rm. 307 Cortez CO 81321

Phone: (970) 564-4158 Email: Addressing@co.montezuma.co.us

Montezuma County Addressing Project FAQ's

Why are addresses being changed?

In 2008 The Montezuma County Board of Commissioners saw a need for a more uniform addressing system though out the whole of Montezuma County. As address numbers within many sections of roads are out of sequence or the properties are otherwise misaddressed to the point that 911 emergency responders frequently have difficulty in finding such addresses in a timely manner. *All* address corrections are to make property *accesses* more easily located.

The **secondary purpose** of the project is to make certain that, in the future as the county experiences growth, new address numbers will correctly fit into the existing address number range within each section of each county road.

Will ALL address numbers on county roads be changed?

No. All addresses in Montezuma County will be analyzed, and we will correct as few addresses as necessary to keep a logical and safe numbering system within the county.

Doesn't the County realize that correcting each person's address will be a hassle?

Yes, the County understands and regrets that each address change may have a considerable, *but temporary*, impact upon each property owner and their renter or lessees. Please remember that this project is for public safety and changes will be made only when absolutely necessary.

If my address is changing can I choose my new address number?

No. Address numbers are assigned to a property's driveway or access point. This will give the best information to emergency responders and others to locate the access as fast and as easily as possible.

Will addresses be affected in municipalities such as Cortez, Dolores, And Mancos?

No. The scope of the re-addressing project only covers the rural, unincorporated areas of Montezuma County.

How long do I have to change my address?

The Post Office will forward mail from your previous address for one (1) year from the time they receive the electronic notification. The change of your physical address in the Assessor's Office will take effect immediately.