

STOP Sign Placement Guide

Proper Placement of Stop Signs

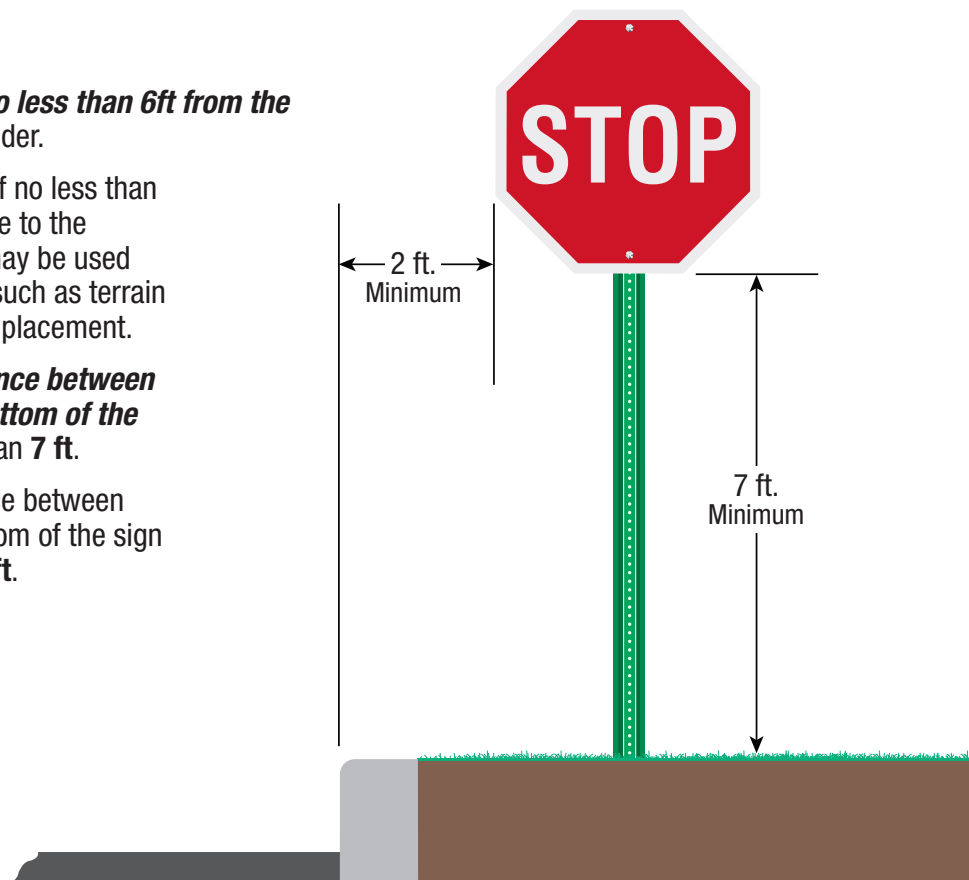
Once the decision has been made to control an intersection, the decision regarding the appropriate roadway to control should be based on engineering judgment. In most cases, the roadway carrying the lowest volume of traffic should be controlled.

The STOP sign shall be installed on the right side of the approach to which it applies. When the STOP sign is installed at this required location and the sign visibility is restricted, a Stop Ahead sign shall be installed in advance of the STOP sign.

Where there is a marked crosswalk at the intersection, the STOP sign should be installed in advance of the crosswalk line nearest to the approaching traffic.

Normally signs should be **no less than 6ft from the edge of pavement** or shoulder.

- However a lateral offset of no less than **2ft** from the roadway edge to the roadside edge of a sign may be used where roadside features such as terrain or trees prevent standard placement.
- In **urban areas** the **distance between the road surface and bottom of the sign** should be no less than **7 ft**.
- In **rural areas** the distance between the road surface and bottom of the sign should be no less than **5 ft**.



Signs should not obscure each other or be hidden from view by other objects. Avoid locations such as:

- A) Dips in the road
- B) Just beyond the crest of a hill
- C) Where sign may interfere with normal operation of facility
- D) Trees and foliage that could cover sign
- E) Snow removal areas

Portable or part-time STOP or YIELD signs shall not be used except for emergency and temporary traffic control zone purposes.