



Replacement of Mailboxes on Public Roadways

(Amends Resolution #09-028, #85-026)

While it is the Service Department's goal to clear snow safely and without incident, it is possible some residential mailboxes will suffer damage as a result of snow removal.

When a Township employee is responsible for damage to a mailbox and support post, the Township's primary concern is residents do not suffer a disruption in mail service. If the U.S. Postal Service is unable to deliver mail due to a damaged mailbox, a temporary mailbox may be provided until more permanent repairs or a replacement can be made.

Mailboxes damaged by DIRECT contact with a vehicle or its plow blade while performing Township maintenance operations will be repaired or replaced with a 4x4 treated wooden post and a mailbox approved by the United States Postal Service.

Damage by thrown or pushed snow does not warrant replacement at the Township's expense.

In the event the mailbox is of a specialty or exotic type of construction, the Township's liability per occurrence is limited to a mailbox unit as directed above or cash settlement not to exceed one-hundred dollars (\$100.00).

An inspection of the damaged mailbox by a Township representative along with a signed release form is required prior to any cash payment.

Mailbox Rules for Residents

1. Keep the mailbox as far from the white/edge line (if present) as practical.
2. Snow removed from any driveway should not be placed on the roadway or in a location that requires a plow to throw it at the mailbox.
3. Mailbox post must break away and cannot be mounted on anything larger than a 4x4 wood post or 2-inch diameter standard strength steel pipe.
4. Expensive plastic style mailboxes will not be replaced by the Township.

When the Township receives a complaint regarding a damaged mailbox, a Township representative will investigate the cause of the damage, and if it is determined a Township employee is responsible for the damage (through direct contact of a plow truck with a mailbox), compensation as outlined will be made available.

All complaining property owners will be notified of the Township's determination regarding a request for replacement/reimbursement.