

## **Mailbox and Yard Damage**

One of the major problems each year is damage to mailboxes. Most mailbox damage occurs when heavy, wet snow is thrown against a weakened post or box.

The road commission cannot assume responsibility for such damage. If the mailbox or post is damaged by snow thrown by the snow removal vehicles, it is the homeowner's responsibility to replace the box and post.

However, if damage occurred as a result of direct contact with road commission snow removal equipment, a supervisor will meet with the homeowner to assess the damage for possible replacement. Please keep your mailbox and post in good condition and located behind the curb or beyond the shoulder, where it is less likely to be damaged.

Additionally, private installations within the public right-of-way, such as sod, shrubs, sprinkler systems, etc., may be damaged in the process of snow removal or seasonal maintenance work. Damage that may occur is not intentional and in many cases is unavoidable.

Because it is the statutory responsibility of the road commission to maintain the roadways and the road right-of-way, the agency is not held liable or responsible for any damage caused to private installations located within these areas.