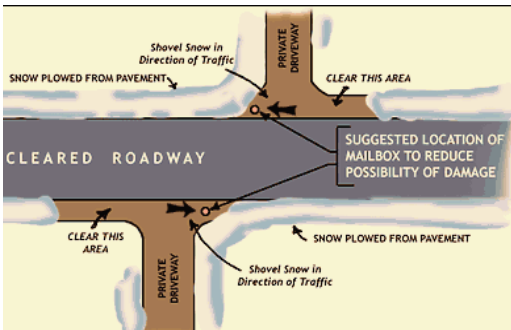




A GOOD SHAKE COULD SAVE YOUR MAILBOX

Each Winter, mailboxes are damaged during winter maintenance operations. More often than not, damage to mailboxes is caused by snow pushing against weakened posts or hardware. If you can shake your mailbox, it probably needs maintenance. Take time now to make any repairs needed so your mailbox will be strong enough to survive the winter. Proper maintenance may help to prevent damage that results in delayed mail delivery, or worse, having to make alternate delivery arrangements. On "Shake Your Mailbox Day", please give your mail box an aggressive shaking and a thorough inspection.



In addition to making sure your mailbox is strong enough to survive Winter, clearing snow to the right of your driveway will help reduce the amount of snow deposited in your drive and against the mailbox post during winter maintenance.

Did you know:

- * Your mailbox is in the road right of way, and is allowed by road commissions as a convenience to you.
- * Check with your road commission and the US Postal Service for rules and requirements with respect to the construction and placement of your mailbox.
- * Flying snow makes it look like snow plow trucks are traveling much faster than they are, but the average speed of travel is about 25 m.p.h. Even at this speed, the force of the snow being pushed off the road can damage mailboxes and other roadside items.
- * Mailbox replacement policies vary from county to county. If your mailbox is damaged by winter maintenance operations, contact your road commission. Should the need arise, your local post office may provide suggestions for temporary mailbox placement or alternate delivery options.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO
SHAKE YOUR MAILBOX
ON OCTOBER 15, 2011

