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PRESS RELEASE

Shake Your Mailbox on October 17 Saginaw County observes 7th Annual Shake Your Mailbox Day

Saginaw, Mich. - Today, the Saginaw County Road Commission is asking residents to prepare for winter by shaking their mailbox, as Gov. Rick Snyder has officially proclaimed Saturday, Oct. 17 the 7th Annual "Shake Your Mailbox Day" in Michigan.

"We are asking residents to be proactive in mailbox maintenance, by taking the time now to make any repairs necessary so your mailbox will be strong enough to survive the winter," Dennis Borchard, Managing Director said. "Each year we find mailboxes that pose a serious roadside hazard to motorists and a liability risk for homeowners. Damage to posts and receptacles can often be prevented by proper routine maintenance."

The County Road Association of Michigan and the United States Postal Service initially joined forces in 2009 for a statewide campaign. The campaign generated a few chuckles at first, but has come to save homeowners both money and headaches.

Although the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Saginaw County Road Commission have policies in place regarding replacement of mailboxes that have clearly been hit by a snowplow, road agencies have never assumed responsibility for mailbox damage caused by standard snow removal operations.

Mailboxes are one of the only objects allowed by law to be placed in the road right-of-way. The location and construction of mailboxes must conform to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Postal Service and standards established by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)."

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