

Is your mailbox strong enough to survive the winter?



On “Shake Your Mailbox Day”, please give your mail box an aggressive shaking and a thorough inspection. 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.

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 24, 2009



Shake Your Mailbox Day is a joint effort on the part of your county road commission and the United States Postal Service (U.S.P.S.).