

PENNDOT Suggestions

To Reduce the Possibility of Mailbox Damage

- Homeowners should make sure their mailbox is firmly supported and placed as far beyond the shoulder of the highway as the postal carrier can reach.
- Place a 6 to 8 inch piece of reflective tape on the mailbox to help snowplow operators see the mailbox at night.
- Remove snow from around the mailbox, but avoid throwing snow back on the roadway.
- If the mailbox is located within the legal right of way and damage was experienced in the past, you may want to consider relocating your mailbox.
- Homeowners can also consider installing a cantilevered mailbox support that will swing out of harms way.

Plans for building the cantilevered mailbox support can be obtained from a PENNDOT county maintenance office. 1-800-FIX-Road.

Please remember that snowplow operators are instructed to maintain lower speeds when plowing in the area where mailboxes are present. However, higher speeds are **often** necessary to contend with heavy, wet snow. Taking steps to ensure the visibility and stability of mailboxes will help snowplow operators and postal carriers continue to deliver quality service this winter.