

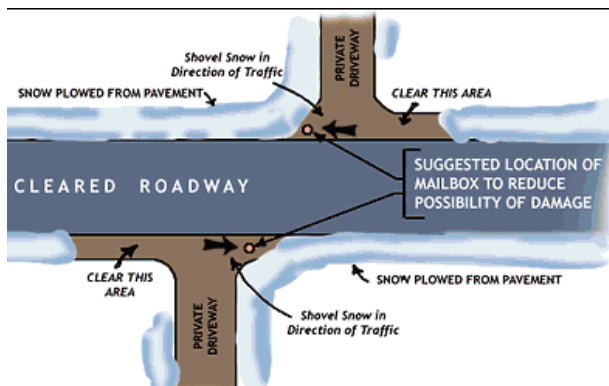
A Good Shake Could Save your Mailbox



On “**Shake Your Mailbox Day**”, please give your mailbox 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.

Tips for Residents:

- 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.
- The Iosco County Road Commission will replace mailboxes that were hit by our equipment, but will not replace mailboxes that were hit by snow coming off the plow during snow removal operations. Road-side mailboxes are in the road right-of-way, and are allowed by road commissions as a convenience to you.
- If you are a seasonal resident, consider taking your box down for the winter.
- Metal mailboxes and wood posts hold up the best against winter snow removal operations. Plastic boxes can become brittle during cold weather and tend to shatter easily when hit by snow.
- Clear accumulated snow from in front of your mailbox. Snow can become compacted and freeze, making it hard to clean out later, hinder mail delivery and push your mailbox over. The road commission does not clear snow from around mailboxes.
- Be a good neighbor. If your neighbor or someone you know is unable to check their mailbox or clear accumulated snow please give them a helping hand.



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.

We encourage you to
Shake Your Mailbox
on **October 18, 2014**

Shake Your Mailbox Day is a joint effort on the part of the **Iosco County Road Commission** and the United States Postal Service.

