

# Snowplows & Mailboxes

We do our absolute best to stay as far away from your mailboxes as possible. Our main goal is to clear the roads in a timely manner. Unfortunately, sometimes hitting your mailbox cannot be avoided and is a consequence of snow removal. In most instances, the mailboxes are damaged by the heavy snow and ice as it is being removed from the roadway. It is a New York State Attorney General ruling that mailboxes are private property that are placed in the public right of way and are not subject to repair by the municipality.

The Village will repair or replace mailboxes and posts only if after an inspection has deemed the damage was caused by our plows. If your mailbox is damaged due to a rotten post or rusted box, repairs will not be made.

We often get asked if we can pick up our plows when we go by driveways, and the answer is, “No, we can’t”. Sometimes snow does get pushed into your driveway, but this cannot be helped. If you cannot remove the snow from your driveway, you can always hire someone to do it for you. If you can do it yourself, make sure you shovel the snow downward or to the right. Throwing or blowing snow into the road can create a patch of snow and ice that can cause a hazardous condition so please do not do it! Snow removal is an arduous and time-consuming task, so your understanding and cooperation are an essential part of our plan.

If a box is damaged by the snowplow, the Highway Department will, as a courtesy, place a temporary box so that a resident can receive mail. Also, if the damage is excessive the Highway Department in the spring will replace the mailbox and post if necessary, with a Village-issued box and post. Fancy or special mailboxes will not be replaced; therefore, for the winter season, you may want to replace your mailbox with a standard one. Thank you.

More Information on Mailbox Guidelines:

<https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>