

# A GOOD **SHAKE** COULD SAVE YOUR MAILBOX

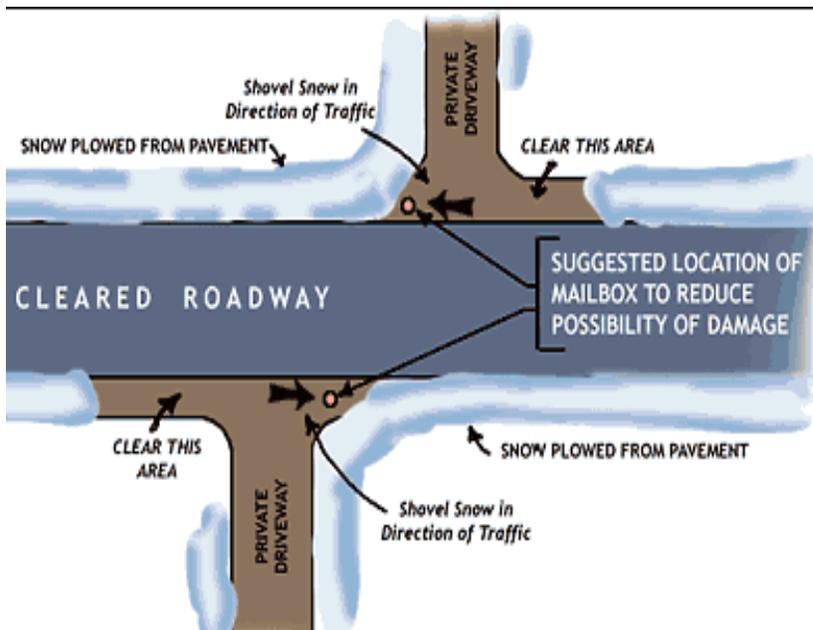


Each winter, mailboxes are damaged during winter maintenance operations. More often than not, damage to mailboxes is caused by snow pushing against weakened posts or hardware. If you can shake your mailbox, it probably needs maintenance. Take time now to make any repairs needed so your mailbox will be 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. On “Shake Your Mailbox Day”, please give your mail box an aggressive shaking and a thorough inspection.



## Did You Know???



- Your mailbox is in the road right-of-way, and is allowed by department of public works as a convenience to you.
- Check with your road department 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 15 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. Byram Township Department of Public Works policy allows for repair or replacement only if a mailbox is struck by road department equipment.

*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.*

On November 10, 2010 we encourage you to **SHAKE** your mailbox.

