

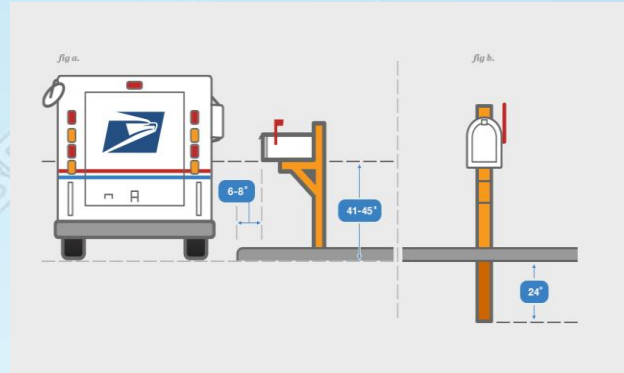
SNOW SEASON REMINDERS

Snow Plow Safety Tips:

- DO NOT CROWD THE PLOW - MAINTAIN SAFE DISTANCE
- SLOW DOWN WHEN YOU SEE A SNOW PLOW. Stay alert and watch for a plow's lights.
- DO NOT PASS PLOW ON RIGHT.
- BE CAUTIOUS WHEN PASSING ON LEFT. Be sure the road ahead is clear of vehicles or snowdrifts before attempting to pass on the left.

Mailboxes:

- Mailboxes and posts should properly installed and inspected each fall to assure they are in good condition.
- The USPS requires curbside mailboxes to be positioned 41"-45" from road surface to the bottom of the mailbox. **Fulton County Highway Department recommends 45" from road surface to bottom of the mailbox** since snow plow wings are 41" and having the mailbox at 45" allows for possible build-up of snow or ice.
- Keep mailbox areas cleared of snow as required by USPS.



Our highway crews do their best to avoid mailboxes, but there are times when visibility, oncoming traffic and heavy snow work against them. If a mailbox is indeed damaged by snow removal, either from snow plows directly or from the force of the snow being thrown by plows, it is not done intentionally. It is, however, an unfortunate consequence of snow removal.

As far as the Highway Department replacing/repairing damaged mailboxes, there is no statutory or legal authority requiring the department to do so. In fact, under Section 319 of the New York State Highway Law, mailboxes are considered highway obstructions and are only "allowed" in the right of way as a convenience to the owner. Additionally, an opinion issued by the Attorney General stated, "When the necessity of keeping the highway open conflicts with an individual's reception of the mail, the later must stand aside."

The best way to protect your mailbox during the winter months is to ensure it is properly attached to the post, mailbox and post are in good condition, and installation meets proper specifications.

Pushing Snow Across County Roads:

Residents are not permitted to push snow across the highway.

Article 1219 (a) of New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) states "no person shall throw or deposit upon any highway any glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, **SNOW**, or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon such highways."

If it is determined that snow has been pushed across the road, a warning letter will be issued. Any continued actions after receipt of the warning letter will result in the Fulton County Sheriff's Department being notified and a ticket will be issued.

Playing Outside? Please Stay Out Of Roadways.

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