

Goshen Township

Mailbox Damage Policy

A properly installed and maintained mailbox will withstand snow removal operations. If improperly placed, the front face of the mailbox extends past the back edge of pavement into the road/street. Chances are, the mailbox could be hit by the plow. In the event your properly placed mailbox is down, you may call 330-332-1235.

In order to provide fair and uniform resolution to incidents involving mailboxes damaged by a township snowplow the Goshen Twp trustees adheres to the following policy concerning repair/replacement of mailboxes:

Snow being thrown by the plow can significantly impact a mailbox and cause damage. There is nothing that can be done from snow being thrown from the plow blade. Mailboxes must be securely fastened to a sturdy post anchored in the ground to resist the impact of thrown snow. No mailbox or post will be considered for replacement if the post shows dry rot or is otherwise unstable or was placed too close to the travel way.

If a mailbox becomes damaged in the process of snow removal operations, it is the homeowner's responsibility to repair or replace the box, **UNLESS** a township vehicle **physically strikes the box**. Most mailboxes are damaged from the weight of the snow or slush thrown from the plow. Even at slow speeds, the snow from a plow can damage your mailbox. **Therefore, the township will not be responsible for these damages.** If you believe a truck is directly responsible for any mailbox damage, call Goshen Twp at 330-332-1235.

Mailboxes that are confirmed damaged by the Township plows will be replaced with a standard township mailbox (not at the value of the current mailbox). **There will be no exceptions to this replacement Policy.** Your patience and understanding of snow removal operations is greatly appreciated and we will do our best to ensure all remain open and passable throughout the winter.

REMEMBER: CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE PROPERLY PLACED AND READY FOR WINTER AND COMPLY WITH POSTAL REGULATIONS.