## **Mailbox Policy**

Concord Township's policy, which has been in place since 2005 for the repair or replacement of mailboxes damaged as a result of snow clearing activity is as follows:

- 1. This policy applies to mailboxes along the Township maintained roads that are <u>directly hit by the snow plow</u>. In most cases the mailboxes are actually hit by snow thrown into the box by the plow. Damages incurred by thrown snow are <u>not covered</u> under this policy. Please do not call the Service Department if your mailbox was damaged by thrown snow. We operate on the assumption that individual mailboxes have been installed and maintained by the owner and are capable of withstanding the impact of thrown snow. This is your responsibility. Repairs will not be made to mailboxes that are improperly installed or maintained.
- 2. Although decorative or expensive mailboxes are permitted within the Township and may be required by individual homeowner associations, they are not required by the Township. Our policy in the case of damage to mailboxes by our plow trucks is limited to repair of the existing mailbox, replacement with a generic mailbox, or cash settlement in the amount of \$50.00.
- 3. Please install your mailboxes in accordance with applicable postal regulations.
- 4. Mailboxes should be designed and installed to withstand the impact of thrown or pushed snow, but massive post's, barricades, or supports that represent danger to vehicular traffic or personal safety are not permitted. As a service to our residents Concord Township will install a snow barricade to help protect mailboxes. There is a fee for this service and the barricade can be obtained by filling out the application found on the Concord Township website at <a href="www.concordtwp.com">www.concordtwp.com</a> under forms and applications or contacting the Service Department at 440-350-3225. The barricades are very effective in protecting mailboxes from thrown snow by the plow trucks.
- 5. Mailboxes along County or State maintained roads are not covered by this policy. You may call the County Engineers office at 440-350-2770 or the State (ODOT) at 440-354-2191 for questions about their individual policies or to report damages to your mailbox.
- You may wish to review Ohio Revised Code 5547.03, 5547.04, 5571.14, or Concord Township's Resolution 2005-60 which offer additional information regarding mailboxes and other objects within the public right of way.
- 7. In the event your mailbox has been damaged as a result of direct contact by one of our trucks please call the Service Department at 440-350-3225 to report the damage or leave a message.