

## Don't Forget to Winterize Your Mailbox

As the winter season approaches, property owners are reminded to make sure their mailbox is in the correct location to ensure the efficiency of both the mail service and the snow plowing operations. In addition, property owners should also inspect their mailbox to verify it has a strong support.

Mail carriers will make every effort to deliver the mail. However, if the mailbox is not accessible to the carrier due to snow build up, or if it is not properly located along the roadway, you may have to pick up your mail at the post office.

Normally, a mailbox is placed as far from the shoulder of the roadway as the carrier can reach from a vehicle and the mailbox rests on a firm support, **the box should be able to withstand the windrow of snow from the plowing operations. Be sure your mailbox has a strong support.**

Recommendations:

- Check your mailbox support often.
- Clear snow from in front and on the sides of the mailbox, disposing of it properly, not on the roadway.
- Consider using reflective tape or other material to make the mailbox easier to see during storms or dark hours.
- Questions regarding the proper location of your mailbox along the roadway can be directed to your local post office.