

WINTER MAILBOX DAMAGE POLICY

The Grant County Highway Department is responsible for clearing as much snow and ice as possible from the County and secondary roads in the County. This means we will plow as close to the shoulder as possible. The Highway Department takes great care not to damage any property within the county right-of-way, however, mailboxes occasionally get damaged.

Grant County will reimburse for damaged standard mailbox and/or support post when the following three (3) criteria are met:

1. It is determined that the County plow operators damaged the mailbox.
2. The mailbox had been properly installed per USPS installation guidelines as listed below and maintained prior to the damage occurring.
3. Claims must be reported within 7 days after the incident occurrence.

If all the criteria noted above is met, Grant County will reimburse you for your mailbox for a maximum amount of \$25.00. A copy of the receipt is required.

It is the responsibility of the mailbox owner to maintain a properly placed serviceable mailbox. The post must be capable of withstanding flying snow and slush from traffic and snowplows. Note: Any mailbox damaged by the weight of the plow windrow (snow exiting the end of the plow) will not be covered under this policy. If the mailbox is not placed the proper distance and height from the roadway, and is damaged by the flying snow or slush, no compensation is authorized.

Please remember to shovel around your mailbox, accumulated snow and subsequent damage caused by snow build-up during plowing will NOT be reimbursed.

MAILBOX INSTALLATION GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED PER USPS REGULATIONS

*Mailboxes MUST be 41" to 45" above the roadway surface.

*The face of the mailbox must be between 6" to 8" back from the edge of the roadway surface.