MAILBOXES

It is the policy of the Somers Department of Public Works that if any mailbox or post is damaged as the result of snow removal operations, the responsibility for making repairs shall be borne by the property owner. The Department of Public Works is not responsible for mailbox damage as a result of snow being discharged from snow removal equipment.

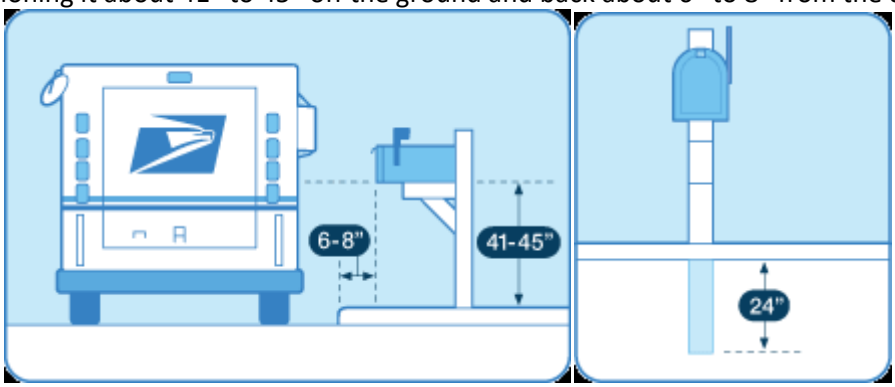
When a mailbox or post is damaged by **direct contact** with our snow removal equipment, the following will occur.

1. Inspection of mailbox and post to determine the cause of damage.
2. Determination of responsibility (improper installation of the mailbox, rotted mailbox post, or plow operator error).
3. If the investigation determines it was operator error, the mailbox or post will be repaired or replaced with a standard metal mailbox and/or standard wooden post of $25.00 in value maximum. The DPW will only replace the mailbox or post if the plow equipment has made **direct contact** with the box or post.

***The majority of mailbox and post damage is the result of improper installation or maintenance. A properly installed and maintained mailbox will withstand the snow removal operations that occur during the winter months. (See attached Installation Guide)**

Mailbox Installation Guide

Your local postmaster must approve the location of your mailbox.
Put a roadside mailbox where a carrier can reach inside without leaving the truck. That means positioning it about 41” to 45” off the ground and back about 6” to 8” from the curb.



For curbside mailboxes on a post near the street, the support should be secure and safe. The best supports are designed to bend or fall away if a car hits them.
The Federal Highway Administration recommends…

- A wooden mailbox support no bigger than 4” x 4".
- A 2”-diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe.

Bury your post no more than 24” deep, so it can give way in an accident.
Don’t use potentially dangerous supports, such as...

- Heavy metal pipes.
- Concrete posts.
- Farm equipment, such as milk cans filled with concrete.

In areas with lots of snow, we suggest a semi-arch or extended arm-type support. That way, snowplows will be able to sweep under without knocking it down.