Middletown Township Mailbox Guidelines

Our plow drivers are asked to take all precautions to avoid striking mailboxes with the plow. Below are some tips for mailbox placement to help reduce the chances of damage during winter plowing:

- Place 3” high reflective numbers on both sides of the mailbox to identify the address and to assist emergency vehicles.
- Mailbox post size must not exceed 4” by 4” for a wooden post or 2” diameter for a steel pipe post for roadside barrier safety. Posts that are more substantial in construction are considered "deadly fixed objects" and are not permitted within the Township Right of Way.
- Mailboxes must be installed at least 42” high in accordance with the US Postal Service regulations.
- Below you will find a sketch showing the recommended location for your mailbox. Placing the mailbox on the side of your driveway away from approaching traffic will allow our driver to properly clear the roadway and to get as close as possible to your mailbox to minimize the amount of shoveling you will have to do to clear the mailbox for the postal carrier.

- For uncurbed roadways set the mailbox back 2’ from the edge of pavement to provide the maximum possible roadway clearance.
- For curbed roads the face of the mailbox must be 8” back from the curb face.

The Township will only replace or reimburse for a standard mailbox if the plow physically strikes the box (Snow coming off the end of the plow does not count). The Township will not reimburse for custom made mailboxes, ornate posts or granite posts, etc., or existing mailboxes with rotted posts or in obvious poor existing condition. The box must have been installed per US Postal Service regulations. **(Note: Pennsylvania law views mailboxes as an encroachment in the public way, put there at the Owner’s risk and Municipalities are not legally liable for any damage or repairs to mailboxes due to plowing operations.)**