



# Winter Policies Clarified

As we deal with winter weather conditions, I would like to clarify the following Highway Department policies:

- Mailbox replacement
- Parking law
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## Mailbox replacement

When a mailbox or mailbox post is actually hit by a Town Highway plow, we will replace the mailbox with a **standard** mailbox and **standard** post when necessary.

We are not obligated to replace custom-built, ornamental or plastic mailboxes.

When the weight of the **snow** damages your mailbox or post, it is the responsibility of the property owner to replace his/her own mailbox and/or post.

Please call the highway garage at 542-5412 if a plow has damaged your mailbox and it will be replaced as soon as someone from the highway crew can get to it.

## Plowing onto highway

Under Section 1219 Subdivision A of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law: "No person shall throw or deposit upon any highway **ANY SNOW** or other substance likely to injury any person, animal or vehicle upon such highway." It is an extremely dangerous practice and we will prosecute violators. When plowing out your driveway, use common sense and think of the hazard you would be creating for drivers.

## Parking law

Our local parking law prohibits parking on any Town or County Road from November 1 through April 30 during the hours from 1 am to 7 am. Violators are subject to parking tag fine not to

exceed twenty-five dollars. Repeat violations will result in vehicle being towed at the owner's expense. If an emergency exists and your vehicle cannot be removed from the street, call 542-5412 or 542-4573 for further information.

The Town is not responsible for damage caused by Town Equipment at any vehicles parked within the road right of way. This includes all driveways and parking areas.

## Questions?

If you have any questions pertaining to the above rules, or any comments that are highway related, as always, please feel free to call me: 542-5412.

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