Mailbox Policy

Mailbox Replacement Policy

The Huron County Highway Department has approximately 226 lane miles of roadway to clear of ice and snow during any given storm. This is done on a normal basis with eight trucks and very skilled drivers. This mileage does not include the travel distance to start each route. Depending on visibility and road conditions the average time for each driver to complete each round is three to four hours. There has also been a safe speed established of 30 to 40 mph while plowing snow.

The mailboxes along these county roads are of importance to us and we do not try to destroy them on purpose. However, due to weather conditions, some do get damaged. Factors that may lead to box damage may include, the amount of snow on the road, the wetness of the snow, and the distance of the mailbox from the road.

Stop for a second to ponder this thought… One snowball the size of a regular mailbox may weigh six pounds. Now imagine that six-pound snowball traveling at 30 mph and hitting your mailbox. Many times it is the snow, not the plow, that does the damage to the mailbox.

The Huron County Highway Department will replace the mailbox if the following conditions were met:

1. The mailbox was damaged due to a snow plow hitting the mailbox.
2. The request is called in or emailed the following regular business day after the mailbox was damaged.
3. Only the property owner or caretaker of the property may report the damage.

The Huron County Highway Department will replace the mailbox with one standard metal mailbox.

Here are a few tips to help to ensure that your mailbox will weather out the winter storms:

1. Keep the mailbox as far from the white line as practical
2. Snow removed from your driveway should not be placed on the roadway
3. Mailbox posts must be break away and cannot be mounted on anything bigger than a 4×4 wood post.
4. Place a deflector on an independent post in front of your mailbox.

 Please feel free to email any questions regarding this policy to social@hurncountyengineer.org.