

## PRIVATE PROPERTY DAMAGE DUE TO SNOW REMOVAL ACTIVITIES:

### **Torn Sod:**

If the property is properly marked and the Public Works Department tears the sod, the Public Works Department will repair it. If there are no markers, the Township will not repair any minor damage.

Markers should be at least 3' in height, made from a flexible type material and be reflective. Markers should be installed 12" from the edge of pavement or, in areas with concrete curbing, at the edge of the curb. Markers should be spaced at 50' intervals.

### **Mailboxes:**

By State law, the only time the Township is held accountable for damage to a mailbox is if some part of the plow or vehicle physically hits it, versus snow thrown by a passing plow. The Township is **not** responsible for damage to mailboxes caused by snowplows since mailboxes are erected in the right-of-way at the property owner's risk.

### **Procedure for Mailbox Damage Claims**

1. If it is believed that a mailbox was struck by a Township plow vehicle, the Director of Public Works should be contacted by phoning 610-865-3291.
2. The Director will visit the site and try to determine (by both visual as well as talking with the operator involved) if the mailbox was actually hit.
3. If the Director determines the mailbox was hit, he will contact the Township insurance carrier and notify the home owner to repair/replace the mailbox and send all costs along with a copy of his home owner's insurance policy to the Township's insurance carrier.
4. If after viewing the site and talking with the operator, the Director does not believe the mailbox was hit by the plow or vehicle, he will notify the resident that it is their responsibility to repair/replace the mailbox.
5. If the resident does not agree with this determination, the Director will complete an action form and send it to the Township insurance carrier for their review.

