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**FROM:** Fred Peivandi, P.E., Managing Director  
**SUBJECT:** Shake Your Mailbox – Genesee County Road Commission encourages residents to shake their mailboxes this month.

The Genesee County Road Commission asks County residents to prepare for winter by shaking their mailboxes.

A mailbox is the only object allowed by law that homeowners can place in the road right-a-way. The location and construction of mailboxes must conform to the rules and regulations of the United States Postal Service and nationwide standards established by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

Over the years, a mailbox post can rot or become wobbly and unstable. By grabbing and shaking the mailbox, a resident can know if it is secure. Snow coming off a plow going 35 miles per hour has surprising force that can topple a wobbly mailbox.

Our No. 1 job at the Genesee County Road Commission is to maintain a safe and efficient roadway system for the motoring public. It is a resident's responsibility to ensure his or her mailbox is secure and stable.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Genesee County Road Commission have policies in place regarding replacement of mailboxes that have been hit by the snowplow or force of snow. However, road agencies are not responsible for mailbox damage caused by standard snow removal operations.

Residents should prepare mailboxes for winter by tightening screws and ensuring the post and box are secure enough to endure large amounts of snow that is thrown by the plow. If the mailbox moves when shaken, the box may need to be repaired or replaced before winter.

View a demonstration video at  
<https://www.facebook.com/micountyroads/videos/10155904606913028/>

If you have any questions on what is permitted, please contact the Genesee County Road Commission at 810-767-4920.