

Putnam County Engineer
Mailbox Replacement Policy

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As of this date, Putnam County will repair an existing mailbox or replace a mailbox that is damaged beyond repair only if the damage was caused by contact with the snowplow. Mailboxes damaged by snow during normal snow plowing operations will not be replaced or repaired. Residents are responsible for following the Ohio Revised Code (Sections 5547.03 and 5547.04) and the standards set by the U.S. Postal Service when placing mailboxes within the right-of-way, and for maintaining the condition of their mailbox.

Any mailbox that is damaged beyond repair will be replaced with a standard U.S. Postal Service metal box, and any post that is damaged beyond repair will be replaced with a standard 4x4 treated wood post. It is impossible to have exact replacements for all the various boxes and posts that may be encountered. While the County will try to repair existing boxes and posts, if this is not possible, the above standard replacements will be used. If the resident does not want the standard post and mailbox, then they will be responsible for replacing the post and/or mailbox with the post and/or mailbox of their choice, at no cost to the County.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation –

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