

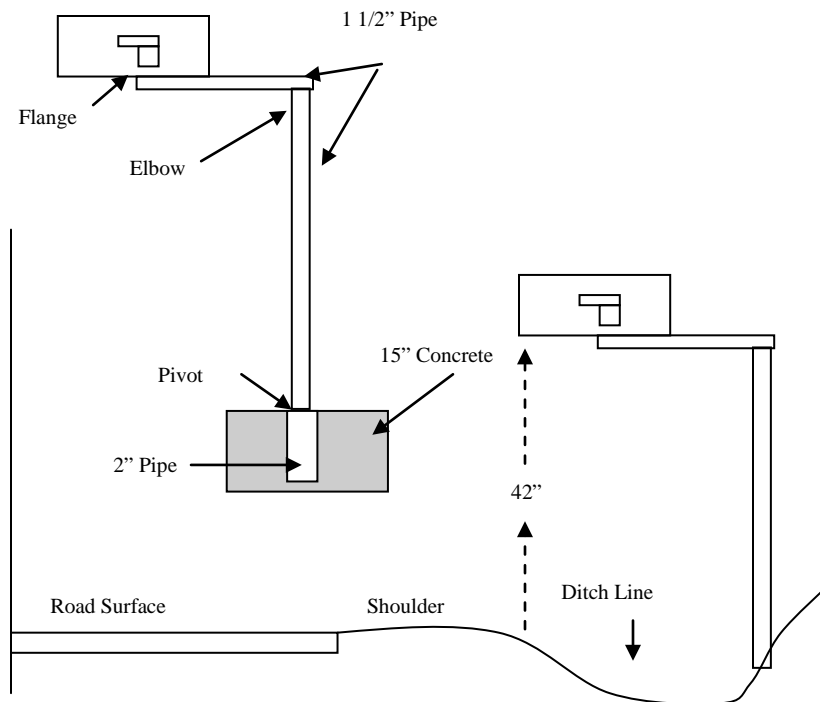
Mailbox Guidelines

During snowstorms the County receives numerous telephone calls regarding damage done to mailboxes by snowplows or thrown snow. Any such damage is not intentional, but is an unfortunate consequence of snow removal.

As per highway law: "When the necessity of keeping a highway open conflicts with the individuals reception of mail, the latter must stand aside." The County has no liability if a mailbox is damaged as a result of plowing operations. As such, the County will not replace or repair damaged mailboxes.

The highways of the County are made for and devoted to public travel. The drivers do the best they can to keep the roads passable as well as protect your property. It is requested that the public cooperate with the Postal Service in giving consideration to placing mailboxes in positions that do not hinder snow removal.

Please see the diagram below, showing a recommended installation to help avoid damage to your mailbox.



It is best practice to install mailboxes the farthest distance away from road and shoulder. This will provide additional safety to the mail carrier, allowing them to pull off, out of the traveled lane. Keep in mind that mail carriers have an additional 2 foot reach with arm movement.

If you have questions, please call our office at 535-2531.