

# Town of Baldwin Highway Department

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Winter is coming and the Town of Baldwin Highway Department recommends that residents take some time to inspect their mailboxes and mailbox posts for cracks, dry rot and how the post is installed into the ground. Posts with cracks, dry rot or deterioration will most likely fail when hit with wet snow during the Town's snowplowing operations.

It is easier to replace a weak or deteriorating mailbox post during the fall months before the ground is frozen. When replacing a post, please be mindful that larger mailboxes require larger, sturdier posts to support the additional forces. All mailboxes need to be able to withstand the force of wet snow and ice from the snowplow.

During the winter season, it is inevitable that some mailboxes and/or mailbox posts will fall victim to the force of the wet snow and ice. Please ensure your mailbox post is set back off the road and clear of the plowed surface this may include approximately **2-3 feet off the paved surface**. The town of Baldwin recommends the height be closer to the **45-inch** measurement to minimize the chances of being struck by the plow truck wing.

If you have any questions on preparing your mailbox for the winter season, please feel free to reach out by Email at [Baldwinroads@gmail.com](mailto:Baldwinroads@gmail.com) or Call and leave a message at the town garage (207)625-3822