

Mailbox damage during past winter storm

Numerous mailboxes have been damaged or pushed over during snow removal operations over the weekend. This was a result of the amount of snow received during the storm. Snow plows did not strike the mailboxes but rather the weight of the snow pushed against the boxes causing damage or resulting in downed mailboxes. Due to the number of boxes damaged, we do not have the resources to replace or reset these boxes. Consequently, you will need to reset or replace your mailbox in order to continue to receive your mail from the USPS.

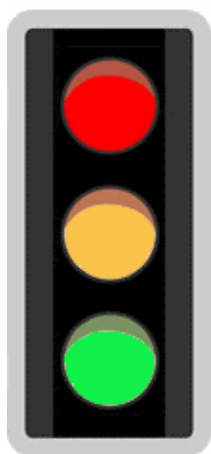
This is a situation that is beyond our control and we ask that citizens assist with this individual task of taking care of their mailbox. Snow emergencies, such as this past storm, create a need for residents to understand that we cannot prevent this damage from occurring. Our foremost obligation is to clear snow and ice from the county roads and with the volume of snow being plowed from the roadway, damage to mailboxes and other structures located near the roadway are likely to receive a negative impact.

Engineer and Sheriff Offices announce new Inclement Weather Advisory System

County Engineer Doug Davis and County Sheriff Matt Lutz recently changed the Advisory System used to notify the traveling public in Muskingum County about road conditions caused by inclement weather. The system will be more user friendly; allowing the public to relate conditions with colors. The system will put more responsibility and common-sense driving decisions back on the public. As has always been the ultimate goal of the Engineer's Office, it will do its best to maintain safe driving conditions.

“Think about snow, before you go!”

Log on to the Sheriff's webpage to stay up-to-date on the changing road conditions at www.ohiomuskingumsheriff.org. The Sheriff's website is also linked on our homepage. Listed below is the Advisory System and its explanation:



CODE RED: Roadway conditions have severely worsened. Inclement weather has affected the treatment and/or clearing of roadways. Roadways will remain hazardous until further notice. It is recommended that only emergency and safety crews be on roadways.

CODE YELLOW: Roadway conditions are declining. Inclement weather has caused roadways to become covered with precipitation. Public safety crews are present on roadways. Motorists must use extreme caution. Use judgment on road conditions versus necessity of travel.

CODE GREEN: Roadway conditions are under advisory. Inclement weather is in the area and adversely affecting traveling conditions. Public safety crews are beginning to convene on roadways. Motorists must use caution.