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GET READY FOR WINTER AND SNOWPLOWS: OCTOBER IS “SHAKE YOUR MAILBOX” MONTH

Beverly Hills, MI – The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) is reminding residents that October is “Shake Your Mailbox” month -- the perfect time to give those mailboxes on posts at the roadside a little maintenance before the upcoming winter and snowplow season.

Heavy snow and ice thrown by the passing snowplows can damage mailboxes that are loose or unstable. A few minutes of maintenance now could save residents the time, frustration and expense of repairing or replacing a damaged mailbox later.

“Taking a few minutes to make sure your mailbox is sturdy can save unnecessary winter headaches,” RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar said. “Give it a shake, tighten bolts and make sure the post is secure. That little bit of preparation could be the difference between your mailbox staying upright or ending up in a snowbank.”

RCOC offers these tips to make sure your mailbox is winter-ready:

- **Shake it:** Gently shake your mailbox to check for stability.
- **Tighten it:** Secure any loose bolts or screws.
- **Check it:** Ensure the post is secure and won’t lean or fall under pressure.
- **Fix it:** Replace any worn-out parts before the snow arrives.

Mailboxes installed on sturdy posts, at the proper height and set at the right distance from the road, are more likely to survive Michigan’s winter plowing season. Taking a few minutes in October to prepare your mailbox can help keep it standing and your mail accessible throughout the winter.

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