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## Town is replacing mailboxes damaged by its snow plows

*Town will provide temporary ones, then compensate homeowners for permanent replacements*

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Any rural mailboxes that have been destroyed by snowplows (not flying snow) this year will be temporarily replaced by the Town of Milton's engineering department.

"We are dependent on residents to inform us that their mailboxes have been damaged," said the department's operations manager Doug Thompson.

"We go out and look at the damage and make sure that it was a plow, not flying

snow or something else, that's caused the damage. Then a temporary unit's put in place."

Mr. Thompson said sometimes the plow drivers may notice that they've hit a mailbox and they immediately tell the homeowners, but usually they are unaware.

"Once we're notified of a damaged mailbox due to the plows, a small metal mailbox on a post is situated on the resident's property and a note explaining the replacement and reimbursement procedure for a permanent box is left inside," said Mr. Thompson.

"When the owners install a permanent mailbox in the spring, they can send in their receipts and we'll reimburse them up to \$100."

If your mailbox has been damaged by the snowplows, contact the Town of Milton's engineering department at (905) 878-7211.

For reimbursement for a permanent mailbox, receipts can be mailed to Town of Milton, Attn: Engineering department, 43 Brown St., Milton, Ont., L9T 5H2.

Rural resident Rob Milford holds his mailbox damaged by a snowplow in January while standing beside the temporary placement box provided by the Town of Milton. It was the second time in two years his mailbox has been hit by a plow.

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