

# City of Royalton

## Policy for Damages to Mailboxes, Sod, and Sprinkler Systems Located in the Right-of-Way

Snow plowing and ice control operations may cause property damage, even under the best circumstances and care on the part of the City employees who operate snow plowing equipment. The major types of damage are to improvements located in the City right-of-way that extends beyond the curb location in the public streets. The intent of the right-of-way is to provide room for snow storage, utilities, boulevard trees and other City uses. However, certain private improvements such as mailboxes may be required by the Postal Service within certain residential and commercial areas. Therefore, the City of Royalton will cooperate with the property owner in the event of damaged private property. The City of Royalton may specify when this damage is the responsibility of the City and when it shall be the responsibility of the resident.

### **Mailboxes**

The City of Royalton assumes liability for mailboxes damaged during plowing if it is determined that the plow made direct contact with a mailbox that was properly placed and in the standard style. Damaged mailboxes will be fixed or replaced at the discretion of the City. The maximum amount of compensation for the combined damage to the post and box is \$20.00; with a swing-away post as a mandatory replacement. The City of Royalton is not responsible for the damage to media or paper boxes and does not pay for the cost to repair them.

### **Lawns**

Lawns that are scraped or gouged by the city plowing equipment will be repaired by top dressing and seeding the following spring.

### **Lawn Sprinkling and Lighting Systems**

The City of Royalton will assume no responsibility for damage to underground lawn sprinkling systems, exterior lighting systems and similar landscaping installed in the right-of-way.

In instances where there is a disagreement as to the source of the damage and the responsibility, the Public Works Supervisor may determine the responsibility.

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