

THAT'S NOT WHERE THAT BELONGS!

GRASS CLIPPINGS

It is a violation of **New York State Vehicle and Traffic Safety Law, Section 1220** to mow grass clippings and/or rake leaves into the road.

Grass clippings in the roadway can create a slippery surface, especially when wet, increasing the risk of losing control and crashing. Clippings can also wash into storm drains, causing blockages that lead to localized flooding.

SNOW

It is a violation of **New York State Vehicle and Traffic Safety Law, Section 1219** to place obstructions in the roadway. This includes pushing snow removed from driveways, sidewalks, etc. back into the road. Snow pushed into the road can cause hazards not only for the public but for snowplows.

OTHER OBJECTS OFTEN PLACE IN THE ROW

Free-standing basketball nets, garbage cans and other objects placed near or on the road pose safety risks, including traffic hazards, instability (especially in high winds), and potential injury from tipping over.

Garbage cans are allowed to be placed in their **designated pick-up areas on pick-up days only**. Once garbage and/or recycling have been picked up, all cans and bins must be removed from the ROW and/or roadway ASAP.

Basketball nets can obstruct snow removal and maintenance, create liability concerns, and encourage unsafe play near roads.

NYS Highway Law Section 319

Anything placed within the ROW can be considered an obstruction, including but not limited to basketball hoops, as they impede the department's ability to properly and efficiently maintain the ROW and/or roadway.

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What you need to know Mailbox Placement

Height of mailbox placement

Your mailbox should be 41 inches to 45 inches from the road surface.



Why: The snow plow wing is 40 inches, having a mailbox at 42 inches is a risky minimum, and does not consider build-up of snow, ice or gravel

How far off the road should a mailbox be placed?

Your mailbox should be placed 6 inches to 8 inches back from the curb or shoulder.



Why: Snowplows have a 15-foot wide pass. NYS Traffic Law prohibits the snowplow from crossing the centerline. Hence anything 15 feet from the centerline will get hit.

Mailbox installation.

A 4" x 4" wood support or a 2" diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe, buried no more than 24" deep.



Why: This is recommended by the Federal Highway Administration.

Why all these standards?



Safety! The best mailbox supports must be stable but bend or fall away if hit.



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