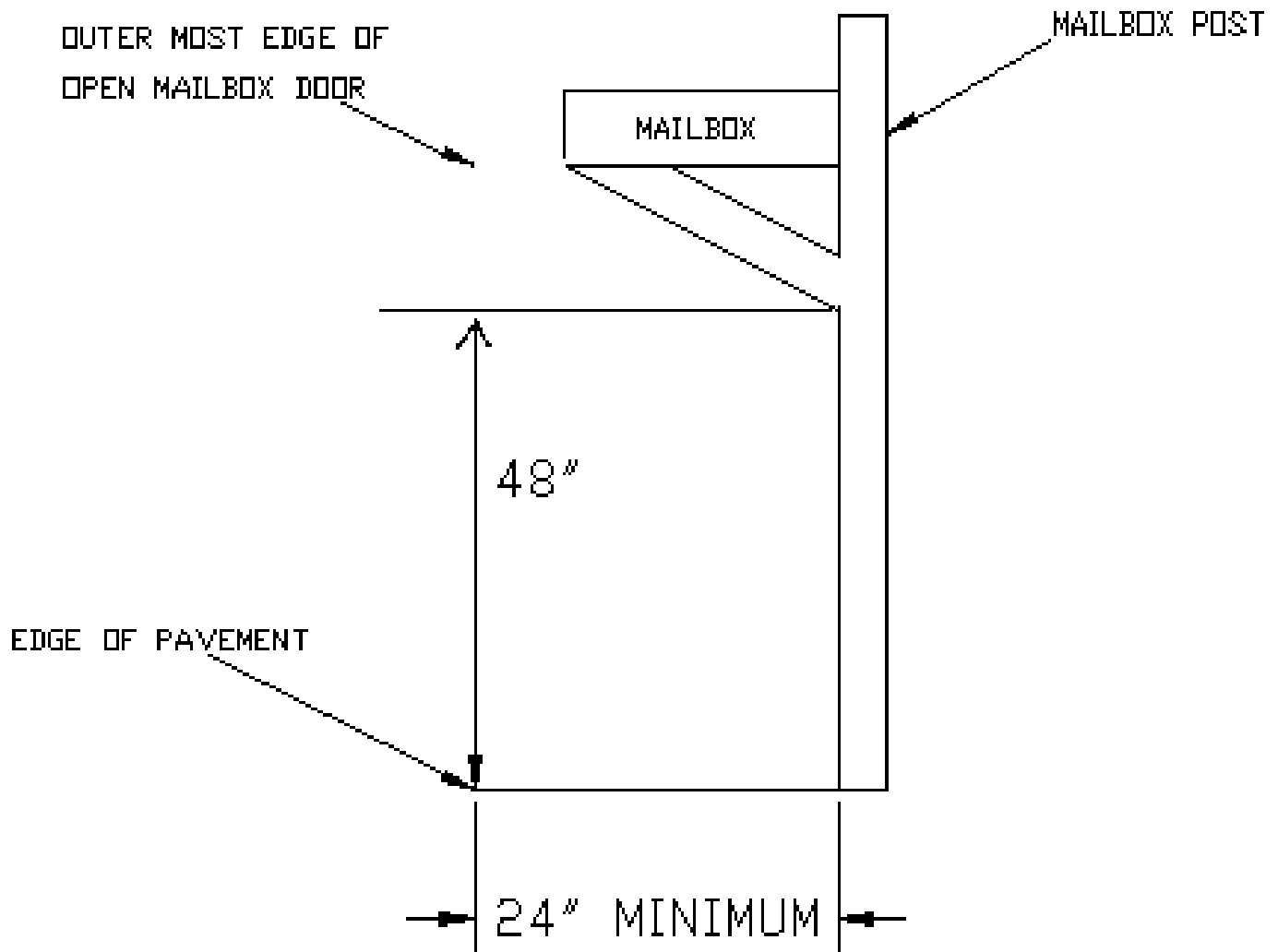
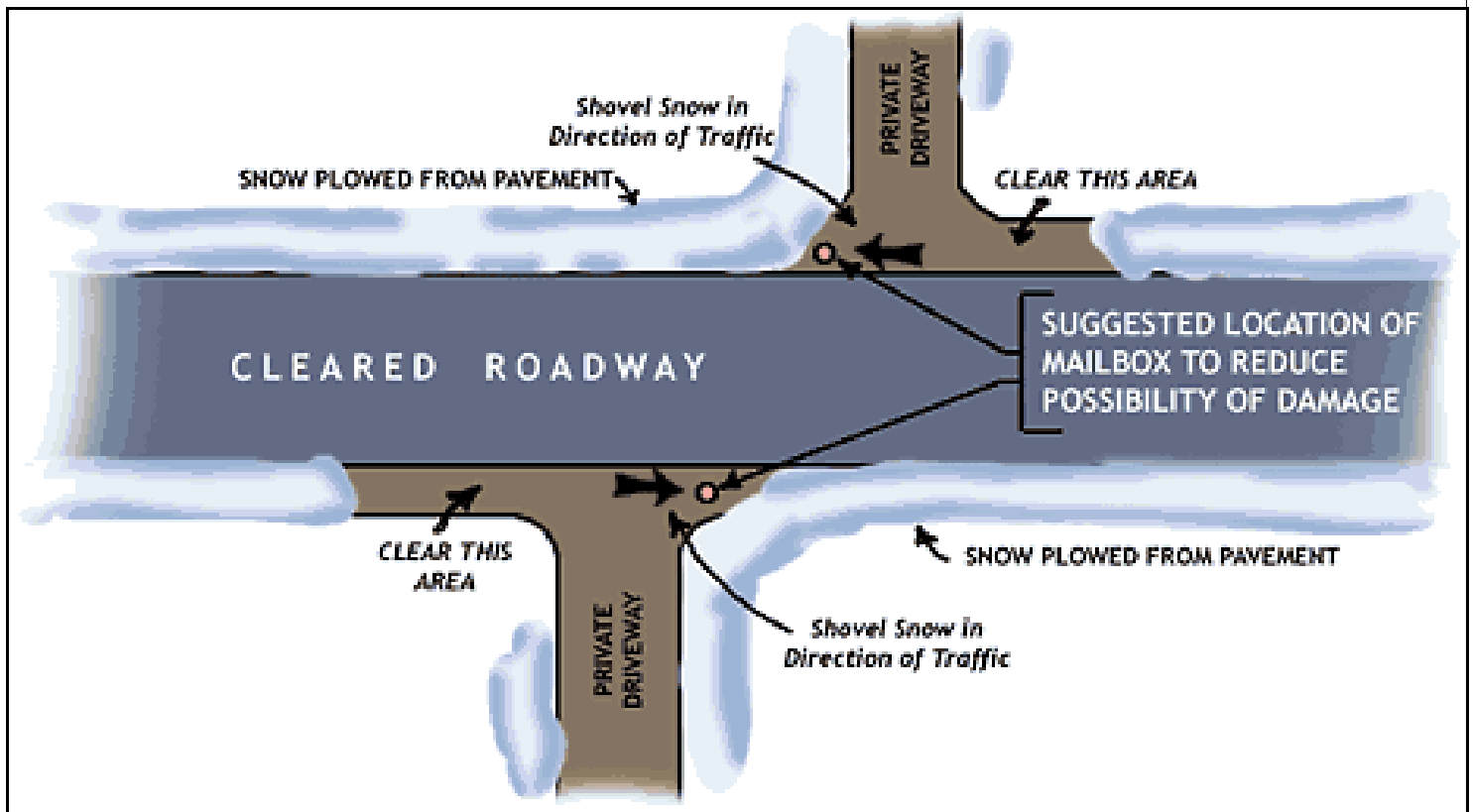


MAILBOX RECOMMENDATIONS

The bottom of mailboxes must be set approximately 42" - 48" from ground level to allow a plow wing attachment to pass under it. The upright mailbox post should be set back from the edge of pavement at least 24" with a horizontal support extending outward to allow a mail delivery vehicle to keep its tires on the pavement and still be able to reach mailbox door. When the mailbox door is in the open position (tilted down), the outer most edge of door should be plumb with the edge of the pavement. (See diagram on back of sheet)

PROPER INSTALLATION OF A MAIL BOX





We at the Sebago Public Works Department recommend this type of mail box posts

How do you handle mailbox damage done by your truck or plowed snow/ice from your truck? Any difference if the mailbox is within your right-of-way or outside the right-of-way boundary? What if someone is going to “fix you” by erecting an immovable “deadly fixed mailbox” made of concrete, steel, brick etc.?

Mailboxes are in the right of way by permission of municipality and if damaged, there is no legal entitlement to replacement or payment. Each municipality has its own policy regarding mailbox replacement.

If the mailbox is within the right-of-way, the municipality has a legitimate concern for the safety of drivers and for its own potential liability under the Highway Defect Act, since a mailbox that is a “deadly fixed object” may be a highway defect. If outside the right-of-way, however, the mailbox is on private property and is beyond the municipality’s jurisdiction.

No municipality should tolerate the presence of “deadly fixed object” mailbox posts (such as concrete, granite or steel I-beam posts) in the right-of-way since this could constitute a “highway defect”. Municipality should request immediate removal of post by landowner (who also could be held liable for property damage or personal injury). However, if landowner does not cooperate, it is better to obtain a court order for removal instead of municipality exercising “self-help” and removing post itself.