

**PET CONTAINMENT SYSTEMS
LAWN IRRIGATION SYSTEMS
ROADSIDE GARDENS & LANDSCAPING**

During the road reconstruction process, it has become a common experience to find lawn irrigation systems and invisible pet containment systems located in the grass area of the road ROW, adjacent to the existing concrete gutter edge. In addition, many mailboxes have gardens and/or other decorative improvements located around them, and some gardens or landscaped areas have been established within 3 feet of the concrete gutter edge. The reconstruction of your road will have an impact on all of these items.

Pet containment systems (i.e., invisible fence) should be located outside of the road right-of-way, which is typically 60 feet in total width. That means that the invisible fence should be located no closer than approximately 17 ½ feet from the back edge of the concrete gutter. Any invisible fences currently located within that area will likely be disturbed during the road reconstruction. If this occurs, it is the property owner's responsibility to repair any damage, and at the same time, relocate the invisible fence outside of the road right-of-way.

Lawn irrigation systems require a building permit prior to installation. These systems are allowed to be located within the road right-of-way; however, they must be a distance of at least 4 feet from the back edge of the concrete gutters. In addition, at the time a permit is issued, if a portion of a lawn irrigation system is to be located within the road right-of-way, the property owner signs off on an agreement that states the Town or any utility companies will not be responsible for any damage to that portion of the system. Our contractor will make every effort not to disrupt your irrigation system; however, we would appreciate you contacting our office and letting us know if you have one, and staking any sprinkler heads that are located adjacent to the gutters.

Road reconstruction may require the removal of mailboxes for a short period of time while gutter removal is occurring in front of your home. This will likely result in an interruption of your mail delivery for no more than 3 days. Once the gutter work is completed, your mailbox will be replaced in its prior location. Any property owner that has a garden, bushes or any other decorative improvements around their mailboxes, or within 3 feet of the concrete gutter edge, should remove those items prior to the gutter removal taking place. Once construction is completed, you're welcome to replace them. Please keep in mind, however, that you do so at your risk, as they may be damaged in the future due to routine road maintenance including snow removal.

We bring these items to your attention now to provide you with ample time to relocate any of these improvements prior to the start of our roadwork. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to completing our annual road improvements in a timely fashion to the benefit of the neighborhood and community.