

## Mail Box Post vs. Weedwacker

Richard Pelillo of Winding River Road called to tell me about the innovative approach his neighbor, Claude Blanchard of 27 Winding River Road (where is this river?) took with the fight



against the evil Weedwacker vs. his mailbox post. After nearly ten years the Weedwacker is winning the battle against the wooden post.

What Claude did was to buy a piece of perforated angle iron that you can get at Home Depot or any decent hardware store and cut it into 4 pieces. This angle iron has holes and slots already in it so you don't have to do any

drilling. See picture. If you want it to look a little neater and you don't mind drilling you could use 1" x 1" aluminum angle and drill your own two or four holes to a piece. Two is probably enough, you are not holding anything up, just keeping the angle attached. A three foot piece of either material is



about \$10.00 and you can cut it into four pieces of 9". Leave about 5" above ground and 4" below ground and install one on each corner.  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x #10 Pan head screws should do the job of holding them on. Washers may be needed if the screw head is smaller than the hole. You can use cadmium plated screws but they will rust in a year or two. Try to get stainless steel screws and

washers. These are available in Lowe's or Home Depot. See how that evil Weedwacker does then! Thanks Claude!

**Another Scam....(from the internet)**

A woman in Texas was shopping at Wal-Mart. She bought a bunch of stuff, over \$150, and she glanced at her receipt as the cashier was handing her the bags. She saw a cash-back of \$40. She told her she didn't request a cash back and to delete it. She said she would have to take the \$40 because she couldn't delete it. I told her to call a supervisor. A supervisor came and said she would have to take it. She said NO! Taking the \$40 would be a cash advance against her Discover and she wasn't paying interest on a cash advance!!!! If they couldn't delete it then they would have to delete the whole order. So the supervisor had the cashier delete the whole order and re-scan everything! The second time she looked at the electronic pad before she signed and a cash-back of \$20 popped up. At that point she told the cashier & she deleted it. The total came out right. The cashier agreed that the electronic pad must be defective. Obviously the cashier knew the electronic pad was defective because she NEVER offered her the \$40 at the beginning. Can you imagine how many people went through before her and at the end of her shift how much money she pocketed? Another person went to a Milford, DE Wal-Mart. She had her items rung up by the cashier. The cashier hurried her along and didn't give her a receipt. She asked the cashier for a receipt and the cashier was annoyed and gave it to her. She didn't look at her receipt until later that night. The receipt showed that she asked for \$20 cash back. SHE DID NOT ASK FOR CASH BACK! She called Wal-Mart who investigated but could not see the cashier pocket the money. She then called her niece who works for the bank and her niece told her this. This is a new scam going on. The cashier will key in that you asked for cash back and then hand it to her friend who is also on the line. Check your receipts right away when using credit or debit cards! This is NOT limited to Wal-Mart.

