



# “LOCK IT OR LOSE IT”

## LOCKING MAILBOXES HELP PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT



Identity theft is one of the fastest growing consumer scams in America. In 2004, more than 240,000 people filed identity theft complaints with the Federal Trade Commission and more than 5,600 were Washington state residents. See the reverse side for tips on how to protect your privacy.

Locking mailboxes are an effective means to prevent your personal mail from being stolen. Some things to remember:

- *Any locking mailbox must be United States Postal Service (USPS) approved. Contact the Woodinville Post Office at 425-487-0995.*
- *Installation may require a right-of-way permit from the City of Woodinville. Contact the Public Works Department at 425-489-2700.*
- *There are individual and cluster mailboxes available on the market. Obtaining more than one bid from suppliers may help you make a more informed decision.*

**To learn about other crime prevention ideas, contact the City’s Crime Prevention Coordinator at 425-877-2285 or go to <http://www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/communityprofile/public-services.asp>.**