

# **Community Tip**

## **Mailbox locks – Powdered Graphite Lubricant**

Have you ever tried to collect your mail from the mail kiosk and your key either would not go all the way into the lock or your key became stuck in the lock? If so, there is a simple solution for this and it may save you unnecessary locksmith expenses. Using Powdered Graphite Lubricant (also called Dry Graphite Lubricant) is an inexpensive and quick solution that most locksmiths will recommend. Place a small amount of the Powdered Graphite Lubricant directly into the key hole of the lock that you are working with. Then insert and remove the key from the lock (also turning the key from locked to unlocked) 3 -5 times or until you have reached the desired glide. That's all! Powdered Graphite Lubricant can be purchased at your local hardware store ranging from \$2.00 and up.