

Keeping our sidewalks free of ice and snow is the neighborly thing to do . . .



Together, we are all responsible for keeping Minneapolis safe and comfortable for winter walking. For your own benefit and to help your neighbors, people pushing strollers or using wheelchairs, and the many people in Minneapolis who walk, please do your part.

. . . and it's the law.

Minneapolis ordinance requires that property owners clear sidewalks after the end of a snowfall within

- ❄ **24 hours** for houses and duplexes
- ❄ **Four daytime hours** for apartment and commercial buildings (daytime hours begin at 8 a.m.)

When you shovel snow and clear ice

- ❄ Shovel the sidewalks on all sides of your property, the full width of the sidewalk down to the bare pavement.
- ❄ Remove all ice from sidewalks. After the sidewalk is clear, sprinkling a little sand can help prevent slipping on frosty sidewalks.
- ❄ Pile snow onto your yard and boulevard. It's against the law to shovel snow into streets and alleys.
- ❄ If you have a corner property, clear curb cuts at corners and crosswalks to the street gutter. You are not required to clear snow ridges or piles left by the plows beyond the gutter. City crews will make an effort to return to do this work as quickly as possible, but with some 20,000 corners to clear across the City, it may take a while. However, your neighbors would appreciate it if you could clear an opening sooner to help shorten the wait and provide a clear passage.

Avoid a ticket

- ❄ If the City of Minneapolis gets a complaint or discovers that a sidewalk is not properly cleared, Public Works will inspect the sidewalk and give the property owners a chance to clear it.
- ❄ If the sidewalk has not been cleared upon re-inspection, the property owner may be issued a citation with a fine.
- ❄ Crews will remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk. Property owners will be billed for this service, and unpaid bills will be added to the owner's property tax.

Remember

- ❄ You are as responsible for clearing ice on your sidewalk as clearing snow. Ice can be more dangerous and intimidating than snow.
- ❄ The sooner and more completely you shovel, the less likely ice will form.
- ❄ Make arrangements for someone to take over while you are on vacation.

Need help?

Community groups in Minneapolis shovel for seniors and people with disabilities for a fee. For more information, call **311**.

Free sand is available to Minneapolis residents at:

6036 Harriet Ave. S.

on West 60th Street between Lyndale and Harriet

1809 Washington St. NE

18th and Jefferson

East 27th Street

just east of Longfellow Avenue near the Public Works gate

2710 Pacific St. N.

Outside the main Public Works gate between 27th and 28th avenues North

Want to go the extra mile?

Are there neighbors on your street who are elderly, have a disability or may have a hard time shoveling for any reason? Work with your neighbors to give a hand and ensure your entire block is safe and accessible to all.

Report sidewalks that need shoveling

To report a sidewalk that is not shoveled, call **311** or visit www.minneapolismn.gov.



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