

Snow & Ice Removal From Sidewalks in Takoma Park

During this time of year, it is important to note that Takoma Park has regulations regarding snow and ice removal from public sidewalks. These regulations are in place to ensure the safety of all pedestrians in our community, whether they are mail carriers or school children.

In the event of snow, all residents are required to clear any public sidewalk adjoining their property of snow for the full paved width of the sidewalk. The sidewalk must be cleared by 7:00 P.M. on the day of the snowfall, or by the end of 4 hours of daylight after the snowfall, whichever is later.

Shoveling the sidewalk to your front door is not required by code, but the mailman and your visitors will appreciate the effort. Also, you can be a good neighbor by offering to help those in your neighborhood who may be less able to shovel their own sidewalks.

Commercial properties must keep public sidewalks in front of their properties free of ice and snow between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Snow or ice removed must not obstruct free passageway of any street. Additionally, in the event that the sidewalk is frozen so hard that the ice can not be removed without injury to the sidewalk, the sidewalk must be strewn with sand, sawdust, or another appropriate material by the required time so that the sidewalk is safe to walk on. The sidewalk should be cleared of ice and strewn material as soon as practicable. Failure to abide by these rules is a Class C offense and could result in a \$200 fine. If the snow and ice are not removed, the City's Public Works department may remove it and the owner of the property will be billed. Sidewalks must be safe during the winter and you can be a good neighbor by keeping the sidewalk adjacent to your property free of ice and snow.