

SIDEWALK SNOW

REMOVAL

As winter approaches, this notice is to remind you that residential property owners, or anyone responsible for any residential property, are required to remove snow from the sidewalk in front of their property within 24 hours after the snow has ceased to fall, or within 24 hours after the City has finished clearing snow from that storm, whichever is later.

Commercial property owners, or the manager or any person responsible for the property, are required to remove snow from the sidewalk in front of their property within 12 hours after snow has ceased to fall.

If you fail to remove the snow from the sidewalk and a complaint is received, the Building Inspections Division will post your property. You will then have 24 hours to clear the sidewalk. If you fail to do so, Public Works will clear the sidewalk and you will be billed for the cost of the removal plus a 10% administrative fee. It is estimated that the cost of removal will be approximately \$100.00 for an average sized sidewalk. In addition to removal costs, the City may also impose civil fines for violating the ordinance.

Seniors in need of assistance in clearing snow from their sidewalks may call Joan Sheedy with the Senior's Triad Shoveling Project at 774-7616.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to keep our sidewalks safe for passage in the winter months.

For more information regarding the City's sidewalk snow removal ordinance, Chapter 25, Article VIII, section 25-171 et seq., please see the City website, <http://www.portlandmaine.gov>, and click on City Code.

If you would like to report an uncleared sidewalk, please call 874-8793, or citysidewalks@portlandmaine.gov