

Washtenaw Bicycling & Walking Coalition

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Washtenaw County Sidewalk Snow Removal Information and Regulations

Current as of December 2015

Below you will find a listing of walkway/sidewalk snow removal policies and ordinances, that are known at the revision date of this document, for cities, villages and townships within Washtenaw County, along with a contact point to register complaint of non-compliance.

Please note that many governmental units in Washtenaw County (such as Ann Arbor Township, Ypsilanti Township and others) have **no** sidewalk snow removal ordinances. If the governmental unit you are looking for **is not listed below**, it is understood that that unit has **no** snow removal policy or law. If you have corrections to the list, please forward them to the WBWC at info@wbwc.org

Ann Arbor, City Of

Overview

Residents and/or property owners are responsible for removing snow/ice from adjacent sidewalks, crosswalk ramps and bus stops. Beginning this 2015–2016 winter, residents/property owners will receive only one warning, per season, before incurring fines. Please exercise caution and care when shoveling, especially during extreme cold. Remember, moving snow/ice from private property onto a public street, sidewalk or bridge not only poses a significant safety hazard, it's against the law.

Residential property - Within 24-hours, any accumulation of snow greater than 1 inch must be cleared from adjacent sidewalks (A), concrete bus stop walks (B) and crosswalk ramps (C). Ice accumulations must be treated immediately, to prevent surfaces from being slippery, and then the slush removed within 24 hours. The city is not responsible for clearing mailboxes (D) of snow and/or ice.

Non-residential property - Any snow/ice that has accumulated by 6 a.m. must be removed from adjacent sidewalks, bus stop walks and crosswalk ramps before noon on the same day.

More information

<http://www.a2gov.org/departments/police/about/traffic-enforcement/Pages/Snow-and-Ice-Removal-on-Sidewalks.aspx>

Reporting Violations

Citizens may call 734.794.6942 (Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.) or use [A2 Fix It](#) to report locations which may be in violation of the city snow removal ordinance.

Ann Arbor - University of Michigan

Overview

Available online at

http://www.plantops.umich.edu/grounds/grounds_svcs/Winter_Maintenance_Overview.pdf.

More information

To have snow removed from "an area around [a U-M] building, there is an online request form at http://www.plantops.umich.edu/grounds/snow_removal.php.

Telephone contact

University of Michigan Plant Operations Call Center: 647-2059

Chelsea

Overview

City ordinance states that "It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of every parcel of real estate within the city which adjoins a public right-of-way upon which there has been constructed a public sidewalk, to remove any accumulations of ice and snow which obstruct the free use of the sidewalk by

pedestrians, within 48 hours after the accumulation of such snow or ice.” Failure to clear sidewalks may result in a fine and removal of snow by the City, to be billed to the property owner.

More information

https://www.municode.com/library/mi/chelsea/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH26STSIOT_PUPL_ARTIVOB_S26-89ICSNRE (Ordinances 26-89, 90, 91 dealing with sidewalk snow removal)

Telephone contact

Chelsea City Offices: 734-475-1771 (Monday-Friday 8am- 4pm, Monday to 6pm)

Dexter

Overview

Residents need to clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 48 hours of snow cessation and business owners need to clear sidewalks within 4 hours of snow cessation or by the start of your business day. Vehicles should be moved out of City parking lots and off the street as soon as possible during snow storms. The [Snow Ordinance](#) (Chapter 46) will be actively enforced by the City. For more information about snow removal in the City please review the [annual snow informational flyer](#) that is delivered to City residents and businesses.

More information

<http://www.dextermi.gov/streets-sidewalks-and-storm-water>

Telephone contact

City of Dexter office: 734-426-8303

Manchester

Overview

Village ordinance requires businesses and homeowners to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice. Businesses must clear the sidewalk within four hours of the cessation of any snow. Residents must clear the sidewalks within 24 hours of the cessation of any snow. If the person responsible for the removal of snow and ice fails to comply with the requirements of this section, the village may remove the snow and ice, and the cost thereof may be collected as a single lot assessment.

More Information

[http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Michigan/manchester_mi/titleixpublicsafety/chapter93streetsand sidewalks?f=templates\\$fn=default.htm\\$3.0\\$vid=amlegal:manchester_mi\\$sanc=JD_93.062](http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Michigan/manchester_mi/titleixpublicsafety/chapter93streetsand sidewalks?f=templates$fn=default.htm$3.0$vid=amlegal:manchester_mi$sanc=JD_93.062) - Village ordinance on snow removal

Telephone contact

Village Offices: 734-428-7877

Pittsfield Township

Overview

Pittsfield Township has an ordinance that “requires that a snow accumulation of greater than one-inch (1”) must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours at the end of a snow event. This encompasses the entire constructed width and length of the sidewalk, including walks and ramps leading to a crosswalk in front of the owner/tenant’s property. Additionally, if there is a build-up of ice, it is to be removed by and/or at the expense of the property owner/tenant. Residents should also be aware that the term “accumulation” is considered to be and can occur from any source, including, but not limited to, precipitation and drifting.”

More information

<http://pittsfield-mi.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=36>

Telephone contact

Pittsfield Township’s Department of Utilities & Municipal Services: 734-822-3130

Saline

Overview

Snow or ice must be removed within twenty-four hours (24) hours after the snow or accumulations ends. Subsequent drifting of snow on sidewalks must also be removed. People who fail to comply with the ordinance will be issued a Civil Infraction Violation. Civil Infraction Violation fines are \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for a second repeat offense within one year, and \$100 for a third and each subsequent repeat offense within one year. In addition, the City may clear sidewalks, and the property owner will be charged for the work performed. The minimum fee for the City to remove the snow is \$75 per visit and \$30 per visit to treat ice. Costs to clear your sidewalk are in addition to the civil infraction violation fine. Property owners may not be notified in advance of the City clearing their sidewalks.

More information

<http://www.cityofsaline.org/?module=Page&slD=government--departments--department-of-public-works--snow-removal-regulations>

Telephone contact

Department of Public Works: 734-429-5624 (Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 3:30pm)

Superior Township

Overview

Township ordinance states that “No person shall permit ice or an accumulation of snow to remain on any sidewalk adjacent to a lot or parcel occupied by them, or on a sidewalk adjacent to any unoccupied lot or parcel owned by them, for a longer period than seventy-two (72) hours after the same has formed or fallen. This does not include sidewalks to the rear of a lot or parcel.”

More information

http://superior-twp.org/ordinances/no_search/2008_ordinances/Ordinance%20150%20Sidewalk%204-23-2000.pdf (Snow removal ordinance under Section 150.06, penalties for non-compliance under 150.08)

Telephone contact

Superior Township Hall: 734-482-6099

Ypsilanti, City Of

Overview

Ypsilanti ordinance requires that property owners clear adjacent sidewalks within 24 hours of the first accumulation. Failure to remove snow can result in a fine and having the City remove the snow with the property owner being billed.

More information

<http://cityofypsilanti.com/Government/Departments/PublicServices/SnowRemovalPolicyProcedures/SidewalkSnowRemoval>

Telephone contact

City of Ypsilanti Public Services: 734-483-1421 (8am to 4pm weekdays)