

## We'll do our part to keep streets passable...

The DPW will clear the streets as soon as possible. Our goals are to chemically treat all major arteries within three hours of when snow begins, to keep main arteries plowed during all stages of a storm, and to clear all streets and the sidewalks bordering city property once a storm has ended. DPW staff and contractors clear over 18 miles of sidewalks, including those around schools, public buildings, parks and high volume bus stops.

## ... please do yours.

### When Parking

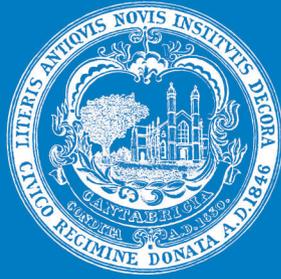
■ Pay attention to "No Parking" signs during snow emergencies.

- Four parking garages around the city provide free off-street parking during declared snow emergencies: at the CambridgeSide Galleria mall in East Cambridge, the First Street garage on Spring Street, the Green Street garage in Central Square, and Harvard University's 52 Oxford Street garage.
- Please park at least 20 feet from the street corner so plows can push snow away from crosswalks.

### When Shoveling

- When digging out your car, think about how you pile snow: don't create new problems in the street or on the sidewalk.
- Please don't take it personally if the DPW plows push snow back into your driveway or onto your parked car. This is really unavoidable as we work to keep streets passable during all stages of a storm.
- It is illegal to "reserve" cleared parking spaces; objects left in on-street parking spaces will be removed.
- Think safety: dig out fire hydrants and street drains.

**We're all in this together, and together we'll get the job done.**



Visit our website for more information, and for a link to report uncleared sidewalk locations:  
**[cambridgema.gov/snow](http://cambridgema.gov/snow)**

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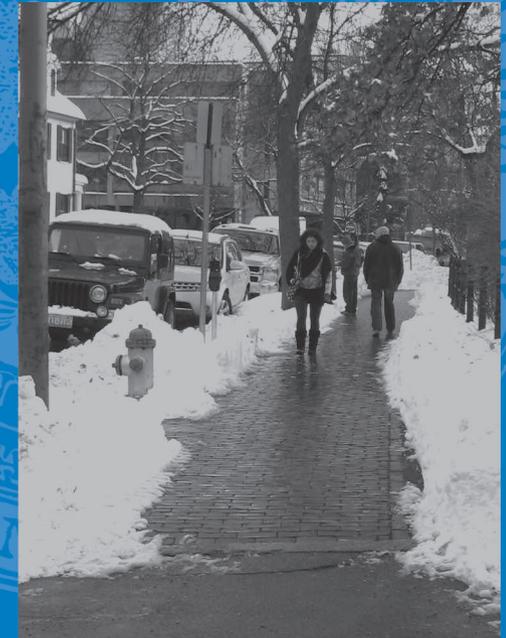
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## Snow and Ice Clearance

■ *Ice and snow free sidewalks are everyone's responsibility.*



## It's the neighborly thing to do...

Snow and ice make walking difficult for all pedestrians, but for the elderly and people with disabilities, wintertime travel

can be more than just difficult:

it can be dangerous or next to impossible. We all have a shared responsibility for keeping our community safe and accessible during the winter months.

## ... and it's the law.

**The Cambridge Municipal Code requires all property owners to:**

- *Remove snow from all sidewalks next to their property or business within 12 hours after the snow stops falling during a daytime storm, and before 1 p.m. when the snow has fallen during the night.*
  - Shovel your sidewalk on all sides of your property, down to the bare pavement.
  - Make path at least 3 feet wide.
  - Clear ramps at corners and crosswalks.
  - Keep street drains clear of snow.

- Do not assume that a small amount of snow will melt away. Sometimes it does, but in other instances it may turn into ice, making later removal much more difficult.
- *Remove all ice within 6 hours of the time it forms.*
  - Stock up on ice melter and/or an ice chopper before a storm.
  - An ice melter with calcium chloride (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) is the best choice for the environment, and only a small amount is required. Potassium chloride (KCl) is OK too. Avoid rock salt (NaCl or sodium chloride), which kills plants and trees.
  - Do not use sand. It makes hard ice slipperier, gets into street drains and is expensive to clean up in the spring.
  - Remember that for pedestrians, ice can be worse than snow. Even a small amount of ice can lead to dangerous falls. You are as responsible for clearing ice in front of your property as you are for clearing snow.
- *The fine for failing to comply with the city's sidewalk clearance ordinance is \$50 per violation per day. Even if you are on vacation or are an absentee landlord, it is still your responsibility as the*

*property owner to ensure that someone clears sidewalks and ramps next to your property.*

- You may report the address of unshoveled or icy sidewalks using the link [www.cambridgema.gov/snow](http://www.cambridgema.gov/snow).



### Need Help?

If you are a homeowner on a low income (\$23,475 or less for a one-person household in 2008) AND you are elderly or have a disability, you may qualify for the City's Snow Exemption Program (in which case the City will shovel your sidewalk). To apply, call the Cambridge Council on Aging, 617-349-6220 (voice) or 617-349-6050 (TTY).

If you do not qualify, the Council on Aging can provide you with a limited list of professional snow removal companies and a list of students who want to earn money by shoveling – you contact the party yourself and negotiate a price.

**Let's Keep Cambridge A Walking City All Year Long**