

CLEARING THE WAY: How Missoulians Manage Snowfall Together

Help Other Missoulians



Shovel Our Sidewalks

A SNOW REMOVAL GUIDE

We'll do our part.

The City of Missoula works to keep thoroughfares safe and clear during winter weather in our valley. Snow plows leave the garage when an accumulation of **two inches** of snow is on major streets. Bike lanes are plowed concurrently with major streets.

... and you can do yours.

Keeping sidewalks easily passable during the winter ensures mobility for all and is the neighborly thing to do.

IT'S THE LAW

Missoula's law on sidewalk snow removal says you need to have the side walk shoveled by 9 AM following a snowfall.



Failing to get out there and shovel does a disservice to your neighbors, leaving sidewalks impassable for several days.

Everyone is better off if you take responsibility for your share of sidewalk.



How best to shovel:

- Clear the full width and length of the sidewalk **adjacent** to your property.
- Don't forget to shovel the handicap ramps at intersections.
- Snow shoveled from a walkway should be deposited into the yard adjoining it, or the boulevard between the sidewalk and street.
- Take care to use environmentally friendly deicers such as calcium chloride.



The letter of the law:

MISSOULA MUNICIPAL CODE 12.16.030

A. Every person owning, in charge or control of, or occupying as tenant any building or lot of land within the city which fronts on, abuts, or contains within a public use easement a sidewalk, shall remove and clear away, or cause to be removed and cleared away, snow, ice, slush, mud, or other impediment to safe and convenient foot travel from so much of said sidewalk as is in front of, abuts on, or is contained within said building or lot of land. It is further such person's duty to prevent accumulation of the same upon such sidewalks.

B. When from freezing of water, snow or slush thereon, or by reason of such compaction resulting from the wear of foot travel or from any cause whatever, sidewalks are rendered dangerous, unsafe or difficult to the free passage of pedestrians, it shall be the duty of the owners or tenants of premises in front of, adjoining or containing within a public use easement such sidewalks to forthwith remedy such conditions by sprinkling sand or de-icing agents on the sidewalks, or chipping or by other safe and efficient means. (Ord. 3040, 1997; Ord. 2043 §2, 1979; prior code §28-3)

Do not use deicing agents on sidewalks 2 years or newer.

COURTESY NOTICE

CITY SNOW REMOVAL RATES

PLEASE NOTE that if the sidewalk is not cleared, the City may arrange to have the sidewalk cleared and bill you the following:

Minimum ½ hour of work:	\$29.00
Admin Fee:	<u>\$41.00</u>
Minimum Charge:	\$70.00

DATE:

INSPECTOR:

MISSOULA DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

435 Ryman
Missoula, MT 59801

406 552 6630
406 552 4777 TTY

www.ci.missoula.mt.us/developmentservices

WHO TO CONTACT

TO REPORT UNSHOVELED SIDEWALKS

406-552-6630

MISSOULA DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Report Online @

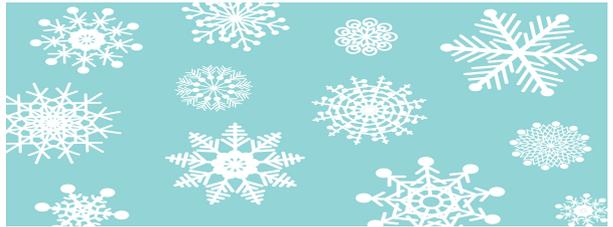
www.ci.missoula.mt.us/SidewalkSnowForm

TO SEEK ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR SIDEWALK

406-748-6752

IMAGINE MISSOULA*

***Note: Imagine Missoula has some
low income or disability
criteria that need to be met.**



SOME PEOPLE NEED HELP

Extend a hand to your neighbors who are unable to shovel their own sidewalk. The infirm and the elderly are most commonly in need of assistance, so reach out to those that live around you, or refer them to the above services.