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SNOW AND ICE ADVISORY

Public Sidewalk Right of Ways

This is a public safety reminder to the residents of Lansing from the Public Service Department. Please remember to do your part as a city resident or business in keeping this City's sidewalks safe and passable this winter. Sidewalk provides a safe place for everyone to walk, particularly benefitting the physically handicapped and children.

This travel pathway in the winter is made safe by residents and property owners doing their part to clear the sidewalk in front of their house and or business. If the property is on a corner lot with the sidewalks extending into the street, that property owner is also required to maintain the area between the sidewalk and the edge of curb.

The clearing of the sidewalk is required by City ordinance, but more importantly, maintaining a clear passage for people using the sidewalks is the right thing to do.

While the ordinance requires the property owner to keep the sidewalk, drive approach, and pedestrian ramps clear of any snow or ice accumulation, here are some good rules that to follow when considering clearing/salting the sidewalks :

- Is the sidewalk slippery due to snow or ice buildup?
- Would the accumulation of snow and/or ice be detrimental for pedestrians including special needs people or wheeled transport such as strollers, wheel chairs, personnel shopping carts etc.

If a sidewalk has not been cleared within 24 hours after a snow or ice event has ended, the City will post the violation on the property as well as mail notification to the property owner. If the sidewalk remains uncleared, the City will clear properties in violation and charge the property owner for the effort.

We appreciate your cooperation which will allow residents and visitors to our City safer passage during the winter months. If you have any questions please call 517-483-4455 and/or visit our website at <http://www.lansingmi.gov/sidewalks>