

Snow Removal Reminder

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The City of Sparta would like to remind property owners and residents of the need to clear snow and ice from public sidewalks adjacent to their homes, businesses, and properties.

For the safety of our citizens and visitors, City Ordinance requires snow and ice to be removed from the sidewalk and curb ramps within twenty-four (24) hours after it ceases to fall.

- **Sidewalks shall be cleared to the full width.**
- **If packed snow cannot be removed, it should be treated as ice and sprinkled with salt, or a salt/sand mixture until such time that it can be removed.**
- **Curb ramps at corner lots or cross walks should be kept free from snow and ice extending past the curb and gutter to the street pavement.**
- **That portion of the sidewalk that crosses an alley should be kept clear to the alley centerline by adjacent property owner/occupants.**

Inspections for ordinance compliance may occur anytime throughout the season beginning with the first snowfall. City ordinance prohibits shoveling, blowing, dumping and plowing snow and ice onto city streets. Fines depend on the amount of cleanup required by the contracted crew, and property owners are billed accordingly. Property owners should deposit the snow from sidewalks and driveways onto their yards or boulevards (the strip between the curb and sidewalk.) - Ordinance 8.29