

- MBTA Bus Stops (395 stops)
- Pre-School entrances and adjacent sidewalks (8)
- City Owned Public Buildings (12), and assistance as necessary to the custodians at the libraries (7) and school and school department facilities (17).
- City Parks and the surrounding areas of the parks, including pedestrian corridors.

These locations are cleared as expeditiously as possible, depending on the timing of the storm. Resources are deployed to clear sidewalks, ramps and plazas seven days per week, as necessary. This program is proving to be very effective. Residents wishing more information should call the DPW at 349-4800 and ask for Annette Rodibaugh.

Enforcement

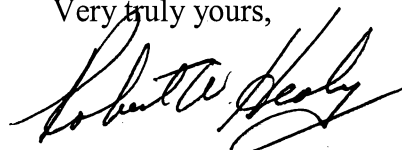
Chapter 12.16 of the Cambridge Municipal Code states that all snow must be cleared from the sidewalk "within twelve hours after snow ceases to fall in the daytime and before one p.m. after a fall of snow during the night..." Ice needs to be removed or covered with sand or other suitable substance within 6 hours after the sidewalk becomes encumbered with ice."

It should be noted that the nature of this year storms, snow mixed with sleet and ice, has caused great difficulty for all in clearing sidewalks. In spite of the frequency of this seasons storms, we have kept school open without any cancellations to date. The School Department and the DPW have worked out an effective plan to pool resources to maximize the most efficient clearing operations at all school locations.

After a storm event, the Parking Control Officers (PCOs) of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and Compliance Officers in the Department of Public Works enforce Chapter 12.16 of the Cambridge Municipal Code. PCOs issue warnings or citations along their scheduled parking ticket routes. Compliance Officers respond to the "Snow/Sidewalk Hotline" (349-4903) and issue warnings and citations along routes with higher volumes of pedestrian traffic. This winter season DPW has responded to over 600 calls to the Snow Hotline.

As of February 7, 2001, a total of 661 violations have been issued (612 warnings and 49 \$25 violations).

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Attachments



○ THANKS FOR SHOVELING!

○ YOU FORGOT TO SHOVEL!

We all need to work together. Please be a good neighbor and clear off your sidewalk as soon as possible. When you don't shovel, older folks, baby carriages, those with disabilities and kids must use the street.

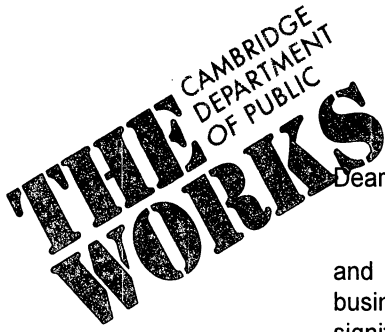
CAN WE HELP?

If you need assistance with snow and ice removal, please refer to the resources listed on the back.

P.S. IT'S THE LAW. FAILURE TO CLEAR SIDEWALKS
CAN RESULT IN A \$25 FINE PER DAY.

- Call for a free copy of the DPW snow and ice clearing manual, *The Winter Challenge We Share*, 349-4800
- To get a list of kids who will shovel for a fee, call:
 - Your local Dept. of Human Services youth center
 - Dept. of Human Services Youth Division, 349-6228
 - Council on Aging, 349-6220
- Private contractors are listed in the Yellow Pages under "snow removal services."
- Neighborhood Resources:

**A project of DPW and the
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Fall, 2000

Dear Porter Square Business Proprietor:

As part of the City's ongoing effort to make our Squares and Commercial Districts a better and cleaner place for businesses and residents, a City representative recently visited the businesses in your area to discuss trash, litter, snow, and ice issues. The City has invested in significant improvements in its Squares and Commercial Districts and the Department of Public Works has made a commitment to keep your area clean.

Richard C. Rossi
Acting Commissioner

In order to accomplish this, a collaborative effort is needed. It is part of DPW's job to help you maintain the image of your area as attractive and safe places to work, shop, and live. Therefore:

Lisa Peterson
Acting Deputy Commissioner

- If you see graffiti, call DPW at 349-4800 and we will take care of it.
- If handbills are posted in a public area, call DPW at 349-4800 and we will remove them. Please note it is illegal to post handbills on public property.
- If you see a streetlight that is out, please call us at 349-4800 and we will see that it is properly reported.

For your part, we ask you to please:

- Sweep the sidewalk in front of your store at least once a day. We sweep every morning, so it is up to you to keep your part of the Square clean.
- If you have a public litter receptacle in front of your business, please remember it has been placed there for the convenience of passers by. If your business would like to add more receptacles, please call us at 349-4800 for information and authorization.
- If you must put rubbish out in front of your store, please put it out as close to pick-up time as possible so it does not become an eyesore on the sidewalk. Rubbish is not only unsightly, but can also be a public health hazard and an impediment to pedestrians.
- Clear snow from the sidewalk within 12 hours after snow ceases to fall in the daytime and before 1PM during a snowfall during the evening.
- In addition, all ice must be removed from the sidewalk or covered with salt, sand, or other suitable substance by the owner or occupant within 6 hours after the sidewalk becomes covered with ice.
- Clear openings at corners and crosswalks so pedestrians can cross safely.

Together we can make your area a beautiful and vibrant business center. We expect you to hold us responsible to do our part, and we will hold you responsible to do yours.

If you have any questions about any aspect of living or working in your area, please call me at 349-4806.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Rossi
Acting Commissioner



Please see reverse side for Cambridge Municipal Code

Chapter 8.24 REFUSE AND LITTER

Section 8.24.040 Private property owners and occupants--Keeping premises and adjacent areas free of litter

A. Maintenance of Private Property.

Every owner or occupant of private property shall maintain his property free of any accumulation of litter, and shall prevent any litter from escaping to any other public or private property.

B. Maintenance of Sidewalks.

1. Every owner or occupant of private property bordering on a street where there is a public or private sidewalk or footway shall maintain such sidewalk or footway and the adjoining gutter to the center of the street free of litter.
2. Every owner or occupant of private property shall cut and dispose of weeds in any yard area or vacant lot, or around any public or private property.
3. No person shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street, square or other public place the accumulation of litter from any building or lot, or from any public or private sidewalk, footway or driveway.

C. Litter From Commercial or Nonprofit Establishments.

1. Litter from commercial or nonprofit establishments shall not be thrown or deposited in any public litter receptacles by the owners, occupants, employees or agents of the commercial or non-profit establishments.
2. Commercial or nonprofit establishments may maintain authorized litter receptacles for the use of the general public outdoors on private property or on the adjoining sidewalk in a manner not to inconvenience the use of the sidewalk by pedestrians. The establishments are encouraged to identify such authorized litter receptacles as described in Section 8.24.020 of this chapter and the establishment shall cause the receptacles to be emptied regularly. (Ord. 1152 (part), 1993: prior code § 17-75)
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Section 8.24.260 Violation--Penalty

A. Criminal Penalty.

Any person who violates any section of this chapter shall be subject to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

B. Non-criminal Disposition.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition as provided in G.L. c. 40, § 21D. For purposes of this section, the Commissioner of Public Works shall be the enforcing officer, except that the Commissioner may delegate his enforcing authority to designated Public Works Enforcement Officers. The penalty for each violation will be twenty-five dollars. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate violation. (Ord. 1152 (part), 1993: Ord. 1084 § 3, 1989)

Chapter 12.16 STREET AND SIDEWALKS USE REGULATIONS

Section 12.16.110 Sidewalks--Snow and ice removal.

A. Removal of Snow from Sidewalks.

The owner or occupant of private property bordering on a street where there is a sidewalk or footway shall within twelve hours after snow ceases to fall in the daytime and before one p.m. after a fall of snow during the night, cause all snow that may be on such sidewalk or footway to be removed therefrom. In the event of an unusually heavy snowfall, the time limit shall be extended at the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works. The provisions of this section shall apply to snow which falls from buildings as well as to that which falls from the clouds.

B. Removal of Ice from Sidewalks.

The owner or occupant of private property bordering on a street where there is a sidewalk or footway any portion of which is encumbered by ice shall within six hours after the sidewalk or footway becomes encumbered with ice cause such sidewalk or footway to be made safe and convenient by removing the ice therefrom, or by keeping the same covered with sand or some other suitable substance. (Prior code § 17-79)

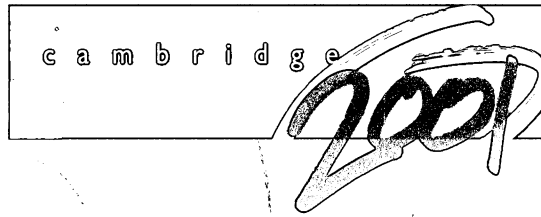
Section 12.16.160 Violation--Penalty.

A. Criminal Penalty.

Any person who violates Section 12.16.110 (Sidewalks--Snow and ice removal) shall be subject to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

B. Non-criminal Disposition.

Whoever violates Section 12.16.110 (Sidewalks--Snow and ice removal) may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition as provided in G.L. c. 40, s. 21D. For purposes of this section, the Commissioner of Public Works shall be the enforcing officer, except that the Commissioner may delegate his enforcing authority to designated Public Works Enforcement Officers. The penalty for each violation will be twenty-five dollars. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 1084 § 5, 1989)



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

February 12, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Numbers 01-143, 01-148, and 01-150 regarding the clearing of snow and ice from sidewalks, please be advised of the following:

The Department of Public Works directs the clearing of snow from streets and sidewalks in the City. This year, under the direction of the Deputy Commissioner, the Department has taken several steps to place much greater emphasis on clearing of sidewalks after storms. The Department has assigned additional inspectors and is more closely coordinating with both the School and Traffic, Parking & Transportation Departments who assigns PCO's for greater enforcement. DPW staff have been engaged in a series of meetings to create a greater awareness for pedestrian issues in the aftermath of a snowstorm. In addition, all business districts were leafleted last fall (sample attached) and information was sent out with tax and water bills and in "Val Packs", reminding citizens and business owners of their responsibilities to clear their sidewalks after storms. It is our intent to continue this aggressive approach and to employ additional methods to get the word out. We of course welcome all suggestions to help improve our campaign. Phase III of the Snow Clearing Operations consists of a wide scope of services. A current list of locations that must be cleared of snow and ice is listed below.

- School guarded crosswalks (55)
- Residential snow exemption list (68) + growing
- Pedestrian Plazas (4)
 - Carl Barron Plaza
 - The Kiosk on Mass. Ave.
 - Deguglielmo Plaza
 - Elliott St Plaza
 - Dawes Memorial
- MBTA Stations (4)
 - Lechmere Square Station
 - Porter Square Station
 - N. Cambridge Trackless Trolley Facility
 - Alewife Station



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Consent Agenda #8

Awaiting Report Item Numbers
01-143, 01-148, and 01-150,
regarding snow and ice issues.

In City Council February 12, 2001

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In City Council
February 26, 2001

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