

Winter Maintenance Reminders

Sidewalk Clearing:

Providing a cleared sidewalk is essential for the safety of pedestrians, joggers and especially children walking to and from school. The City asks that you do your part in keeping any public sidewalks that adjoin or cross your property free of snow this winter. If the snow is not removed within **48 Hours** of snowfall, city staff may contract the work and forward the bill to the property owner. Prior Lake City Code reads:

701.100: REMOVE SNOW, RUBBISH:

It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant not to remove snow ice or rubbish from his abutting sidewalks, and it shall be the primary responsibility of said owner or occupant to perform said removal.

Depositing Snow:

Also, please direct any shoveling, plowing or snow blowing onto your own property rather than onto the street. Crews work hard to clear all roadways curb to curb which will help make them as safe as possible. Depositing snow onto the street can create traffic hazards and is also illegal. MN State Statute reads:

160.2715 RIGHT-OF-WAY USE; MISDEMEANORS.

(a) Except for the actions of the road authorities, their agents, employees, contractors, and utilities in carrying out their duties imposed by law or contract, and except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful to:

(1) obstruct any highway or deposit snow or ice thereon;

(2) plow or perform any other detrimental operation within the road right-of-way except in the preparation of the land for planting permanent vegetative cover or as authorized under section 160.232;

Garbage Containers: During snow removal operations Prior Lake snow plows have had some trouble negotiating around garbage containers that are placed out in the street instead of behind the curb. Refuse containers that are in the street do not allow plow operators to plow the snow to the curb. Please remember to keep your garbage cans behind the curb at all times.

Checklist:

- Place refuse container behind the curb on collection day, not on the street.
- Remember to clear abutting sidewalks following any measurable snowfall.
- Deposit snow from driveway and sidewalk in the yard, not on the street.
- Drive safe and keep warm this winter.