

## Special Assessments Guide

### Sidewalk snow clearing

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- Single family homes and duplexes must clear public sidewalks within 24 hours after it stops snowing.
- All other properties must clear public sidewalks within 4 daytime hours (8am to 5pm) after it stops snowing.
- All City-serviced properties, shovel a path at least 3 feet wide from your garbage, recycling and organics carts to the alley or curb within 24 hours after it stops snowing.

Shovel the full width of the City sidewalk along your entire property down to bare pavement.

- Use sand/salt on icy sidewalks. Some sand/salt mix is available from the City for residents.
- Shovel around your garbage, organics and recycling carts so the City can empty your carts.
- Shovel snow into your yard or boulevard. Do not shovel snow into the street or alley.
- If you will be away, arrange for someone else to shovel your sidewalk.
- If you do not shovel and properly maintain your sidewalk, crews may be sent to remove the snow and ice, and you will be billed for the work.

There are on average 10 to 15 snow events in Minneapolis per winter that require a large effort from the City and residents to keep our streets, alleys and sidewalks accessible. Sidewalk clearing helps keep Minneapolis accessible for everyone.

Clearing snow and ice from public sidewalks in Minneapolis is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

[City Ordinance: Title 17, §427.90; Streets and Sidewalks](#)

#### Snow clearing costs

- Single Family/Duplex: Midblock (40ft) \$99.20; Corner lot (165ft) \$229; Every additional foot over the standard amount \$2.48/ft.
- Commercial/Triplex: Calculate as if single family/duplex clearing cost, then increase by 50%. \$25 administrative fee per violation.

Once the City-hired Contractor performs the necessary work, the snow clearing cost is billed to the property owner. If the bill is not paid, an assessment will be added to the property taxes.

If you need assistance, please call 311 (612-673-3000). Go to [Minneapolismn.gov/snow](https://www.minneapolis.gov/snow) for snow clearing tips.