

Snow Removal Ordinance Comparison

Cities	Pop.	Sq. Mi.	Snow (in)	Contacts
Duluth, MN	86,918	87.3	79	Public Works Director: Jim Benning 218-730-5105 jbenning@ci.duluth.
Fargo, ND	90,599	37.9	40.8	Administrator: Pat Zavoral (701)241-1310 pzavoral@cityoffargo.com Public Works Mgr: Alan Weigel (701)241-1453 publicworks@cityoffargo.com
Thunder Bay, Ont.	109,140	204.1	74	Transportation & Works 115 Front St., Thunder Bay, ON (807)684-2195
Marquette, MI	20,714	19.4	141	300 W. Baraga, Marquette, MI 49855 Office (906) 228-0444 Fax (906) 228-0445 Email Publicworks@mqtcty.org
Boulder, CO	91,685	25.4	83.1	1739 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80306 303.441.3200 Fax:303.441.4210 publicworks@bouldercolorado.gov
Boise, ID	208,000	64	20.7	Vince Trimboli, Community Relations Supervisor, Public Works Department 208.384-3927 Fax: 208.433-5650 vtrimboli@cityofboise.org
Missoula, MT	57,053	23.9	46.3	Street Maintenance Division of Public Works Dept. (406) 552-6360 (406)327-2141 1305 Scott St, Suite A, Missoula, MT 59802 streetdept@ci.missoula.mt.us
Burlington, VT	38,889	11	78.8	Dept. of Public Works Dick Hammond, Foreman, Streets & Sidewalks 864-7429 rhammond@ci.burlington.vt.us
Rochester, NY	208,000	37.1	92.3	Dept. of Environmental Services, Bureau of Operations Paul J. Noto, Jr., Manager of Special Services, 585-428-6834
Albany, NY	93,963	21.8	63.9	Department of General Services 1 Conners Blvd 518-434-CITY Fax:518-427-7499 generalservices@ci.albany.ny.us
Syracuse, NY	147,306	25.6	115.6	Syracuse Department of Public Works 315-448-CITY Fax:315-448-8531 cityhall@ci.syracuse.ny.us

Snow Removal Ordinance Summaries

Duluth, MN

Any person who owns, leases, or otherwise occupies property abutting any public sidewalk is required to remove any fallen snow 24 hours after the cessation of snowfall to create a clear path of a minimum width of 36 inches; also responsible to sprinkle sand and/or deicer upon ice when that ice cannot be readily removed. The City is responsible for the removal of snow upon sidewalks if, in the course of plowing, the City deposits snow upon that sidewalk. If the owner, lessee, or occupier fails to remove fallen snow within the specified timeframe, the director of public works shall cause the snow to be removed from the sidewalk at the cost of the owner, lessee, or occupier. This cost is in the form of an assessment made and levied against the property, to which a collection fee may be added, in an amount set by city council resolution, for administrative assessment costs. The depositing, placing or throwing, upon any public sidewalk or other public grounds, is prohibited.

Fargo, ND

The owner/occupant of any building shall clear the sidewalk in front of that building of snow and ice before 9 pm of each day. Failure to do so will result in removal by the City and the costs of removal and a fine shall be assessed against and a lien put upon the property. Snow may not be deposited upon any street or sidewalk, but may be deposited along a boulevard, providing that the bank is not to a height such that it impairs the vision or view of a driver near intersections.

Thunder Bay, ON

The owner/occupant must clear all snow and ice from the roofs of the structures and from the sidewalks as soon as practicable after having accumulated. No person shall deposit snow upon a public sidewalk or roadway. If there is no other way to clear roof than to deposit on sidewalk, it is required to be cleared as soon as the roof is cleared and necessary precautions to pedestrians must be provided. If the owner/occupant fails to clear, removal will be done by City at the owner's/occupant's expense.

Marquette, MI

The City has created 8 snow removal districts where, because of impracticality, the owners/occupants of these districts have to remove all snow and ice from sidewalks and streets themselves. Sidewalks are required to be cleared within 2 hours of cessation of snowfall if snowfall ceased during the day, or by 10 a.m. of the following day if snowfall ceased in the night. Property owners outside the snow removal districts are required to abide these rules too. Failure to clear snow or ice from the sidewalk will result in removal by the City at the owner's/occupant's expense. No person shall deposit any snow upon public property including streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, and gutters. Exception is snow removal from driveways whose width is equal to or less than 12 feet, in which case, the owner/occupant may deposit the snow on the snow bank formed by the city during its plowing operations. Failure to adhere to this provision will result in the city moving the snow and the expense of removal will be charged to the violator.

Boulder, CO

All owners/occupants of buildings abutting sidewalks shall clear the sidewalk of snow accumulation, to a width of no less than 5 feet, as soon as possible and no later than noon of the day following cessation of snowfall. Failure to do so will result in a notice to remove by the city manager. Failure to do so after notice has been given will result in the city manager removing the snow at the expense of the owner/occupant.

Boise, ID

Every owner/occupant of every building must clear sidewalks and gutters in front of this building of snow and ice by 9am every morning. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in a misdemeanor.

Missoula, MT

Every owner/occupant of land abutting a sidewalk shall clear the sidewalk of snow, ice (to include the use of sand or deicer when needed), slush, mud, and other impediments to foot travel by 9 a.m. the next day following a snowfall. No person shall deposit snow on a public right-of-way or a fire hydrant. Failure to abide by the previously stated ordinances will result in removal by the City. If the City has to remove the snow, the cost is a minimum of \$25 for ½ hour of snow removal work plus actual snow removal time beyond ½ hour at a rate of \$50 per hour, plus an administrative fee of \$35. Any person in violation will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined an amount not less than \$25 and not more than \$50, but each day this violation persists is a separate offense and punishable as such. Imprisonment is not a valid penalty for committing this offense.

Burlington, VT

No person shall deposit snow in the street or on the sidewalk of a street. The occupant/owner of any building shall remove snow within 4 hours of cessation of snowfall if cessation occurs in the daytime or by noon of the following day if cessation occurs in the nighttime. Failure to do so will result in removal by the City at the owner's expense plus a fine of no less than \$1 and no more than \$20.

Rochester, NY

The Department of Environmental Services shall be responsible for the administration and management having to do with snow and ice removal from streets and sidewalks. Code Enforcement Inspectors & Bureau of Operations supervisors employed in the Dept. of Environmental Services may issue appearance tickets returnable in the Municipal Code Violations Bureau for violations of snow ordinances. The owner or occupant of the ground floor of any structure must remove all snow, ice, or other impediments from sidewalks no later than 9 a.m. if the snow had fallen after 8 p.m. of the previous evening, or no later than 8 p.m. if the snow had fallen after 9 a.m. Failure to do so will result in City removal of snow or ice. The City will send a bill for removal by certified mail. If not paid, the City will add an additional 10% of the original bill and assess against the property. No person shall deposit snow or ice on the sidewalk or roadway or against a fire hydrant or public transit stop.

Albany, NY

The owner or occupant of any house or building is required to clear sidewalks in front of the house or building of snow and ice within 24 hours of the cessation of a snowfall. If ice cannot be cleared without damage to the sidewalk, it is required that it be strewn with ashes, sand, or the like. No person, for any reason is allowed to deposit snow or ice in any public street, sidewalk, or crosswalk. The Commissioner of General Services shall gather complaints of non-removal, shall investigate complaints, and, if necessary, shall issue a notice to clear the sidewalk within 24 hours of a complaint. If the owner/occupant still has not cleared the sidewalk of snow and/or ice within that 24 hour period, the Commissioner shall clear the sidewalk at the expense of the owner/occupant. Such fee cannot be less than \$50 and the owner/occupant shall be subject to a fine of no more than \$100. The only defense to this action shall be the physical impairment of the owner/occupant. No person shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, any snow or ice in Steamboat Square, or at any place between the river and crosswalk on the east side of Broadway between Madison Avenue & Hodge Street. The use of motor vehicles to clear sidewalks is prohibited unless a permit is obtained before commencement of snow removal, and the permit holder must post a bond or insurance policy prior to receiving a permit. During a snow emergency, special parking regulations must be followed and failure to do so will result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense as well as a parking ticket and a fine of \$25. Snow emergencies last two days, on the 1st day, parking on the odd-side of the street is prohibited, on the 2nd day parking on the even-side is prohibited, areas that do not follow an odd/even numbering system have their parking restriction distributed to them and can be made available upon request by such persons.

Syracuse, NY

The property owner must remove all snow and ice (use of salt, sand, or deicer is required when applicable) from the sidewalk in front of the property before noon of the day following cessation of snowfall or 4 hours after cessation if cessation occurs in the daytime. Sundays are the exception; snow must be cleared by noon on Monday. Failure to do so will result in a notice, to be given no earlier than 6 p.m., to clean the sidewalk forthwith. No person shall deposit any snow or ice on a public street, sidewalk, or gutter. Exception: License to dump and/or deposit snow by the Commissioner of Licenses and: 1) Depositing/dumping occurs only at locations designated by the Commissioner of Public Works, 2) Only when the Commissioner of Public Works or a designated employee is present, 3) No foreign matter is mixed in with the snow/ice, 4) The capacity of the dumping site shall not be exceeded, 5) Only at times as the Commissioner of Public Works prescribes. It is prohibited to become stalled or immobile upon any street designated as a snow emergency route during the winter months of November through March, if this does happen, the vehicle operator shall be guilty of offense unless vehicle is equipped with snow tires and/or chains. A police officer has the power to remove such a vehicle at the expense of the owner of the vehicle.