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# SIDEWALK SHOVELING



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# DEICING

Most deicing compounds sold in retail stores contain additives to reduce the effective melting temperature when applied to snow and ice. While this may be desirable from a safety aspect, the compounds will aggressively work on the concrete, causing premature surface degradation.

Rock salt, or sodium chloride, is one of the best treatments used for new concrete. Note this should not be left on the concrete and should be cleared off once the snow and ice bond have loosened from the concrete. It is recommended that the sidewalks be sealed to prevent water intrusion.



# SIDEWALK SHOVELING

As the snow continues to fall, we would like to remind you of policies the Village has regarding sidewalks in front of your home or business: It is the property owner's responsibility to clear snow or ice on the sidewalk abutting their property within 48 hours of snowfall. Failure to keep the sidewalks clear for walkway users may result in a citation.

## SHOVELING & CLEARING ICE

- Shovel the sidewalks on all sides of your property, the entire width of the sidewalks down to the bare pavement
- Remove all ice from sidewalks; after the sidewalk is cleared, sprinkle a little sand or salt to help prevent slipping on frosty sidewalks
- Deposit all snow onto your property; do not dump it into the street
- You are responsible for clearing ice and snow on your sidewalk. Ice can be more dangerous and intimidating than snow
- The sooner and more thoroughly you shovel, the less likely ice will form
- Arrange for someone to shovel while you are on vacation
- If you own a business or apartment complex adjacent to your sidewalk, instruct your maintenance staff (or contractor) not to place snow on the sidewalk

# THE PLOW PUSHED SNOW ONTO MY SIDEWALK AFTER I SHOVELED IT.

On streets the Village plows, we recognize this will happen and attempt to minimize this from occurring. For properties adjacent to County and State roads, the priority for County maintenance is to remove snow from the streets as effectively as possible; this typically requires several re-plowings and benching for new snow. The county snow removal policy is something the Village cannot control. As such, the Village has implemented the following guidelines for sidewalk snow removal.

When more than 8 inches is pushed back onto County Road sidewalks, the Village will come and plow one pass along that County Road sidewalk. Equipment that clears snow from sidewalks may damage adjacent turf areas and cannot be helped. Property owners will still be responsible for removing the remaining snow and ice to a bare sidewalk within 48 hours of the Village's completion.

The Village will not remove snow from sidewalks placed there by property owners or private snow removal companies. Properties utilizing those services are to direct the contractors not to put snow on the sidewalk or have that company remove snow from the sidewalk. If this condition is encountered, the Village will issue one warning. Subsequent encounters will result in the Village removing the snow and billing the property owner.