



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 to be used on new concrete. It also should not be left on the concrete and be cleared off once it has loosened the snow and ice bond from the concrete. It is recommended that the sidewalks be sealed to prevent water intrusion.



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### General Sidewalk care and tips

Village residents pride themselves in maintaining a well kept appearance along our roadways. Property owners are responsible for mowing the grass between the sidewalk and the curb to a height not to exceed 8-inches. Citations and bills for cutting could be issued for this violation.



Property owners should refrain from parking over the sidewalk and blocking the pathways of pedestrians. Sidewalks allow greater independence and safer travel for those in wheel chairs, scooters, strollers, and general walking. Keeping the pathways clear of obstructions is a law subject to a \$125 municipal citation.



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## Sidewalk Shoveling and General Care



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## **Sidewalk Shoveling**

As a new property owner to Bellevue, or you possibly had a new sidewalk constructed in front of your home, there are some Bellevue policies related to sidewalks and snow removal you should be made aware of.

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 responsibility of the property owner to clear snow or ice on the sidewalk abutting their property within 48 hours of snow fall. If that is not done, the property owner will receive a ticket from the Village Code Enforcement Officer. Please keep the sidewalks clear for the users of these walkways.



### ***When you shovel and clear ice***

- Shovel the sidewalks on all sides of your property, the full 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 own property, do not dump into the street.

### ***Remember***

- You are as responsible for clearing ice on your sidewalk as well as snow. Ice can be more dangerous and intimidating than snow.
- The sooner and more completely 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 is going to happen and attempt to minimize this from occurring. Owners and tenants are still required to remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 48 hours.

For properties adjacent to County and State roads, the priority for County maintenance is to remove snow from the roads as effectively as possible. This typically requires several replowings and benching for new snow. County snow removal policy is something the Village cannot control. As such the Village has implemented the following guidelines for sidewalk snow removal.

When a significant amount of snow (more than 8-inches) is pushed back onto County road sidewalks, the Village will come through and plow one pass along the County Road sidewalks. Equipment used to clear 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 down to bare sidewalk within 48 hours of the Village finishing.

The Village will not remove snow from sidewalks that was placed there by property owners or private snow removal companies. Properties utilizing those services are to direct those services to not place 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.