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What You Can Do

Buy a shovel before a storm or plan for someone to clear your sidewalk. Property owners must keep their sidewalks clear – without shoveling snow into the street or crosswalk and clearing a path at least 48 inches wide. Remember to clear fire hydrants, catch basins and pedestrian ramps.

Know how long you have to clear your sidewalk. If the snow stops falling between:

7:00 AM – 4:59 PM you have 4 hours to shovel;

5:00 PM – 8:59 PM you have 14 hours to shovel; or

9:00 PM – 6:59 AM you have until 11:00 AM the next day to shovel.

Fines begin at \$150 for the first offense. By the third offense you'll have a \$350 penalty.

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