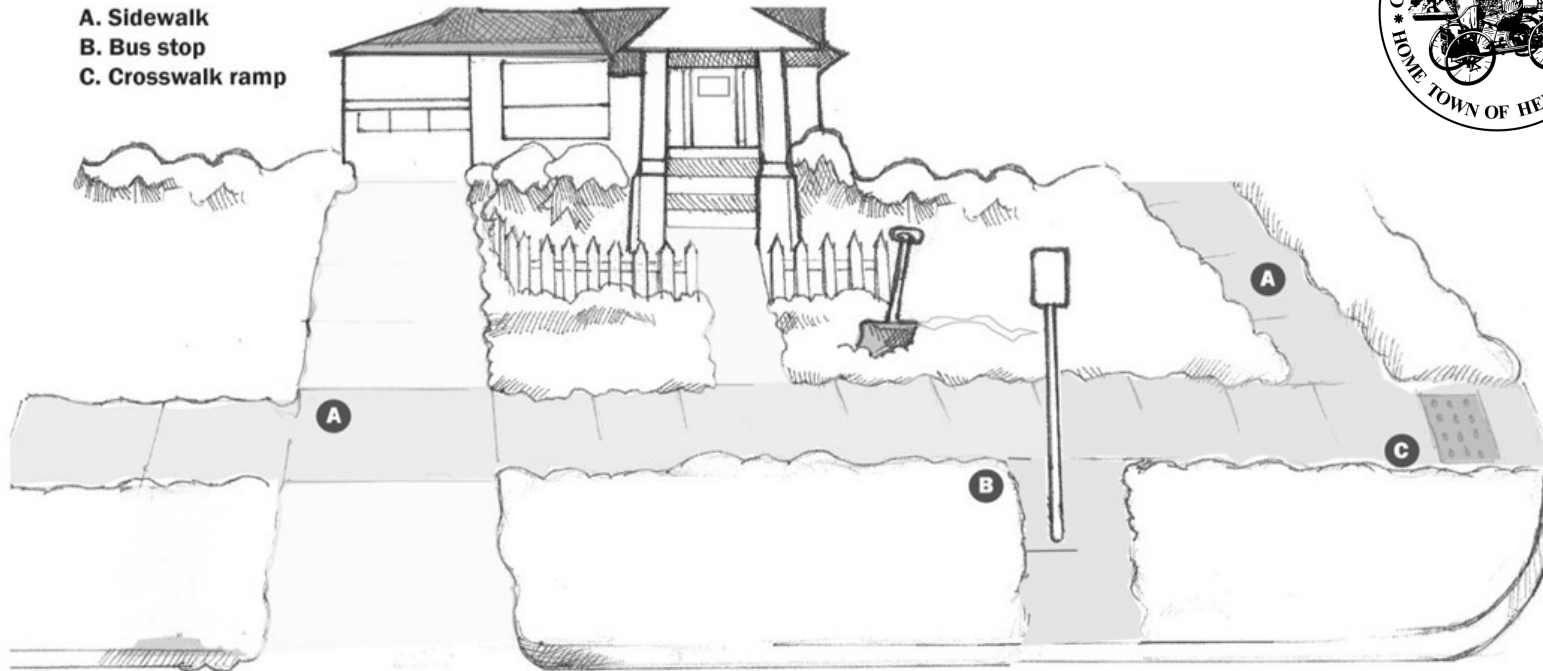


Dearborn's Snow Removal Ordinance



- A. Sidewalk
- B. Bus stop
- C. Crosswalk ramp

Dearborn residents and property owners are reminded that they are required to keep sidewalks and ramps to crosswalks clear of snow and ice so they are safe for pedestrian travel.

City ordinance considers sidewalks and ramps unsafe if snow accumulates to three inches or more, or any amount of ice is present. Snow thrown onto the sidewalk as a result of plowing must also be removed.

Property owners are allowed 24 hours (after the snowfall has ended) to remove snow or ice accumulations from public sidewalks and ramps leading to crosswalks.

If properties fail to keep their sidewalks clear and safe, the City may take action to remove the snow and ice. Property owners will then receive a bill from the City for the abatement plus a minimum \$75 additional fee.

Snow removal enforcement is prioritized in areas heavily travelled by pedestrians, such as those near businesses or schools and on walking routes to those areas. However, all properties with public sidewalks are required to remove snow and ice and are subject to enforcement.

Please be a good neighbor and keep your sidewalks free of snow and ice!

Snow Removal FAQs

How much sidewalk snow and/or ice is considered a violation?

Any accumulation of snow over three (3) inches and/or any amount of ice that is dangerous for pedestrian traffic. Snow thrown onto your sidewalk and/or crosswalk ramp as a result of plowing the street is also your responsibility.

Am I responsible for crosswalk ramps?

Crosswalk ramps, including those on street corners, are the responsibility of adjacent property owners and must be kept free of accumulated snow over three (3) inches and/or any amount of ice.

How do I prevent icy conditions?

Applying salt, cat litter, or other chloride-based ice removal agents are common treatments for preventing and treating icy sidewalks.

Where can I discard the snow and ice from my property?

Snow should be deposited on your own lawn and/or easement. However, it may be deposited on a neighboring property to necessitate reasonable removal. Deposited snow must never obstruct neighboring windows, vents, driveways, or walkways. Snow must never be deposited in the street. (*City of Dearborn Code Sec.13-72*).

City of Dearborn Code Sec.13-2(32)

Within 24 hours after the end of each accumulation of snow greater than three inches, the failure of the property owner or occupant to remove the accumulation from adjacent public sidewalk and walks and ramps leading to a crosswalk.

City of Dearborn Code Sec.13-71

No occupant of any premises or owner of premises or property shall fail to keep the sidewalks in front of or adjacent to such premises or property clear of ice and/or snow, so far as to facilitate pedestrian use. Where there are no sidewalks, no such occupant or owner shall fail to clear a path free from snow and ice, when such a path will provide an extension of existing sidewalk on an adjacent property

City of Dearborn Code Sec. 13-5.1(a)

Upon observing a violation of sections 13-2(2), 13-2(5), 13-2(21), **13-2(32)**, 16-5, and/or 16-6, a notice to abate shall be issued and posted in a conspicuous location upon the property at issue. Failure to receive such notice to abate shall not be a defense to any action by the city to abate the nuisance, collect abatement costs, collect administrative costs, or impose penalties authorized by this code.

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City of Dearborn Sidewalk Snow Removal Information



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