

Village of Cambridge

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Press Release

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Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance for Village of Cambridge

We'd like to remind the residents of Cambridge that the Village does have a snow removal ordinance on the books. The ordinance clarifies that all sidewalks, sidewalk approaches to the crosswalks, fire hydrants and mailboxes must be cleared within 24 hours from when snow ceases to accumulate. Sidewalks must be cleared to a minimum of four feet in width and all approaches must be cleaned as well. We are having issues around town where the sidewalks are clean, but they are not accessible due to the approaches not being cleaned. Village staff will be monitoring sidewalks as well as approaches after snow falls.

If the owner of the property fails to clear the sidewalks, approaches, fire hydrants or mailboxes, the Village will issue them a notice. Upon receiving the notice they will have 24 hours to clear the snow/ice or apply sand and/or salt if ice has formed. If they fail to do so, the Village will remove the snow/ice and bill the owner and citations may be issued. Per the Village fee schedule, it is a minimum \$175 charge for the first hour and \$100 per hour thereafter. Under the ordinance the homeowner will receive only one warning per year (October 1 through September 31). If additional failures to remove snow are detected, additional removal and citations may occur.

The ordinance also reiterates that no one shall push or put snow on public right of ways, including sidewalks or streets. Those violating this section are also subject to the warnings and penalties listed.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Village at 423-3712.