

# Snow Removal Ordinance and how you can help



Civic Federation  
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- **Winter 2009/2010**
  - Several large snowfalls & prolonged cold weather
- **Issues**
  - Many sidewalk areas not cleared/impassable
  - Pedestrian forced to walk in streets
  - Snow pushed off private property onto roadways and streets



- Purpose: Public Health & Safety
- Ordinance Highlights
  - Owners Must Clear Abutting Sidewalks
  - Dumping Snow from Private to Public Illegal
- Vast Majority of Res. & Bus. Do Now
- This Winter We Will All Be Learning



- Clearing Sidewalks

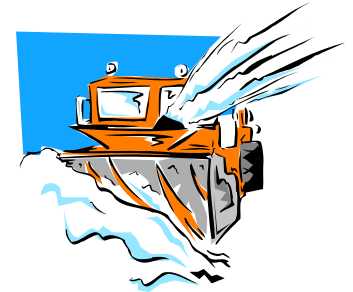
- At least 3 feet wide
- Within 24 or 36 hours after end of storm
- Possible \$50 to \$100 fine
- Also the cost of having the County clear it



- Exemptions



- Homeowners over 65 or physically challenged
- If snow re-deposited by govt. exempt



Note: County will not be pre-qualifying or keeping a list

- County's Enforcement Efforts

- Focus on priority areas, egregious problems, notifications



- Provide education and warnings first
    - Direct exempt owners to options

- County's Snow Clearing Efforts

- Interdepartmental w/ APS and community
- Priority focus (similar to snow plowing)
- Extensive education program & volunteer outreach
- Work as much as possible within existing resources
- Pull-Out in Citizen & backpack mail
- County's Snow web pages updated
- New: Report A Snow Issue form
- Expanded Snowblower Loan program



- Snow Blower Loan Program



- Up to 15 additional blowers
- Awarded based on plan to help community
- Must attend training and sign agreement
- Must store over winter season

- Learning This Winter



- Do County priorities match community s
- Have the communication efforts been sufficient
- What is the right level of support for volunteers
- Are there problem areas we need to address with individual owners.

- Civic Associations Can Help:

- Your neighbors/residents

- Form snow teams/volunteers
- Clear sidewalks for those who cannot



- One another

- Talk to Rob ([Robertswennes@hotmail.com](mailto:Robertswennes@hotmail.com))  
or Randy ([Randy@bscl.org](mailto:Randy@bscl.org))

- The County

- Clearing lower priority sidewalks, fire hydrants, drains
- Provide feedback ([jhmoore@arlingtonva.us](mailto:jhmoore@arlingtonva.us))