

# Keeping our sidewalks free of ice and snow is the neighborly thing to do...



Together, we are all responsible for keeping Saint Paul safe and effortless for winter walking.

...and it's the law.

- \* **Saint Paul ordinance requires that property owners clear sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of snowfall.**
- \* **When you shovel snow and clear ice**
  - Shovel the sidewalks on all sides of your property, the full width of the sidewalk down to the bare pavement.
  - Remove all ice from sidewalks. After the sidewalk is clear, sprinkling a little sand can help prevent slipping on frosty sidewalks.
  - Pile snow onto your yard and boulevard. It's against the law to shovel snow into streets and alleys.
  - If you have corner property, clear curb cuts at corners and crosswalks to the street gutter. You are not required to clear snow ridges or piles left by the plows beyond the gutter – City crews sometimes return to do that, but if they can't your neighbors would appreciate it if you could clear an opening to get through.
- \* **Avoid a visit from a City clean up crew**
  - If the City gets a complaint or discovers that a sidewalk is not properly cleared, the Department of Safety & Inspections (DSI) will send a letter to the property owner to give them a chance to clear it.
  - If the sidewalk has not been cleared upon reinspection, the property owner will be billed for the City to clean up the sidewalk.
- \* **Remember**
  - Make arrangements for someone to take over snow and ice removal when you are on vacation.
  - To report an unshoveled sidewalk call **Your One Call to City Hall at 651-266-8989**
  - **Want to go that extra mile?** Help a neighbor in need who may be elderly, sick, disabled, or may have a hard time shoveling for any reason. You can also help by clearing around fire hydrants and bus stops.

