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# SNOW AND ICE CONTROL PLAN

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## Less than Two Inches of Snow

1. Snow routes plowed and salted
2. Intersections, hills, curves, and bridges not on snow routes salted, as needed

## Plow and Salt: Two or More Inches of Snow

1. All snow routes plowed and salted until snow stops
2. All residential streets plowed (not salted)
3. Intersections, hills and curves salted
4. Alleys plowed by request after all residential streets are plowed



Typical Service Level for Snow Routes



Typical Service Level for Residential

## Freezing Rain or Ice Storms

1. Snow routes and downtown streets salted
2. All residential streets and cul-de-sacs are salted
3. Paved alleys salted by request

## Conditions that Impact Snow Operations

- Air temperature
- Pavement temperature
- Wind
- Sunlight
- Forecasted snowfall/precipitation during a snow operation
- Weather conditions prior to a storm
- Weather forecast following a storm

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## Snow Parking Ban

Notification is made through a broadcast press release available via e-mail, text, and the City's website. Residents have 4 hours from the announcement of the ban to remove vehicles from snow routes and the downtown district. Citizens with limited off-street parking areas are encouraged to utilize space in City parking decks. Lifting of a snow parking ban is also made through local television and radio stations. More information can be found at [www.cityblm.org](http://www.cityblm.org).

## Emergency Request

During all other hours, call the Bloomington Police Department at 309-820-8888 to request salt or plowing. A supervisor will make the final determination as to whether the request will be fulfilled.

## Downtown Snow and Ice Removal

When piles of plowed snow have reached a depth that prevents citizens' access to the sidewalks, Public Works crews will haul snow from the downtown area. This work is normally scheduled during overnight shifts on weekdays.

## Mailbox Damage

[Bloomington City Code § 38-313\[Ch. 38, Sec. 83.5\] Damage to or destruction of mailboxes.](#)

- A. The City shall not be financially responsible for the cost of mailbox replacement beyond that set forth hereafter in this section for repair or replacement of mailboxes damaged or destroyed by City vehicles or employees in the course of their operation. The City shall inspect mailboxes reported as damaged and place a temporary mailbox within 48 hours after the mailbox damage is reported to the City. The temporary mailbox will be removed after 30 days. At the request of the owner of the mailbox, the City will install a permanent mailbox and/or post from materials in compliance with § 38-311 giving due consideration to appearance requests of the owner of the mailbox. Mailbox replacements or reimbursements shall only occur for damage reported within 10 business days of the date of the damage occurred or as soon as reasonable possible thereafter.
- B. Reimbursement schedule. Replacement of mailbox and/or post will be capped at a maximum of \$150.

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## Removal Requirements for Outside of the Central Business District

Bloomington City Code § 38-225 [Ch. 38, Sec. 71] Sidewalks to be kept free from snow, ice, dirt and weeds.

Every owner or occupant of any dwelling house or other building or proprietor or lessee of any enclosed lot or premises and every person having the charge or control of any church, hall or public building within the City shall during the winter season, whenever there is a fall of snow, and by 10:00 a.m. on every morning thereafter, clear the sidewalks in front of or adjoining such house, building or premises from snow and ice and keep the same conveniently free therefrom; or shall, in case the snow and ice are so congealed as not to be removed without difficulty or injury to the pavement, strew the same with ashes, sand or sawdust. Every such owner or occupant shall also, at all times, keep such sidewalks clear and free from dirt, filth, and weeds or other obstructions so as to allow pedestrians the safe and unobstructed use of the same.

Bloomington City Code § 38-122 [Ch. 38, Sec. 25] Sweeping, shoveling, etc., snow, ice, etc., upon public ways.

No person shall sweep, shovel, or pile or cause to be swept, shoveled, or piled any snow, ice, or other waste upon any of the streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, or other public ways of the City.

Bloomington City Code § 38-226 [Ch. 38, Sec. 72] Sidewalk, curbing, gutters, etc. - injury to - penalty.

Any person or persons who shall injure or obstruct any gutter, pavement, curbing or sidewalk or cause the same to be injured or obstructed shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than \$1 nor more than \$50 for each offense.

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## Removal Requirements for the Central Business District

Bloomington City Code § 38-229[Ch. 38, Sec. 74] Snow and ice to be removed from sidewalks by owner or occupant.

- A. Except as provided in Subsection B, every owner and occupant of any building or lot of land within the central business district fronting or abutting on a paved sidewalk shall remove and clear away, or cause to be removed and cleared away, snow and ice from so much of said sidewalk as is in front of or abuts on said building or lot of land within four business hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain or by the beginning of business hours of the next business day following such fall, whichever period is shorter.
- B. In the event snow and ice on a sidewalk has become so hard that it cannot be removed without likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, the person or entity charged with its removal shall, within the time mentioned in Subsection A hereof, cause enough sand or other abrasive to be put on the sidewalk to make travel thereon reasonably safe; and shall then, as soon thereafter as weather permits, cause said sidewalk to be thoroughly cleaned.

Bloomington City Code § 38-230[Ch. 38, Sec. 75] Failure to clean sidewalk - consequences.

- A. Owners and occupants of properties in the central business district failing to comply with the requirements of § 38-229 shall upon conviction thereof be fined in an amount not less than \$25 nor more than \$200.
- B. This ordinance is enacted for the benefit and protection of all pedestrians in the central business district who are intended to be protected thereby. Failure to comply with the requirements of § 38-229 shall constitute a prima facie showing of negligence, and any pedestrian in the central business district who is killed or sustains an injury to his person or property caused by failure of an owner or occupant of property in the central business district to comply with the requirements of § 38-229, shall have a cause of action against such owners and/or occupants, who shall be Jointly and severally liable to such pedestrian or his estate for any damages so sustained.