



Town Green
Special Services
District

Dear Downtown Merchants and Property Owners:

With winter coming up, we wanted to take a moment to remind property owners and merchants that it is your responsibility to take care of the walkway and entrance of your property during snowfall.

During and after either small or large storms, property owners and/or tenants need to work in concert with the City and Town Green's efforts. We all work for a common goal to improve the downtown experience for those who live, work or patronize the downtown.

Please remember that **snow removal remains the obligation of the owner, occupant or other entity in charge of the property**. Snow removal responsibility in accordance with city ordinance Section 78-32 is noted below:

Sec. 27-32. Ice, snow, sleet--Duty of abutting owner to remove or abate.

(a) *Removal.* The owner of land or a building, bridge or premises fronting upon the sidewalk, or connected with a footway, shall remove snow, sleet or ice within a minimum of forty-two (42) inches of such property including handicap ramps within twenty-four (24) hours after a storm ends.

(b) *Abatement.* If the owner of the property referred to in subsection (a) cannot entirely remove the snow, sleet or rice within the aforesaid parameters, he/she shall cover the affected portion(s) with an abrasive substance so as to keep the property in a reasonably safe condition at all times.

(c) *Penalty.* If a property owner fails to comply with subsections (a) and (b), above, within twenty-four (24) hours after receiving notice to remove the snow, sleet or ice from an appropriate city official, said owner shall be punished by a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fine, or an amount up to the maximum allowed under state statute. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Code of 1985, § 27-9; Ord. of 10-17-88, § 16 Ord. No. 1426, 9-28-06; Ord. No. 1587, 4-20-09)

Should you need to hire assistance, please feel free to contact us to obtain a list of contractors.

If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to call me at, 203-401-4245.

Sincerely,

Matthew Griswold
Public Space Manager
Town Green District