



The Inspectional Services Department wants you to know...
The City of Boston made a few changes to the Law....
Regarding Snow!



In Summary, Unshoveled Sidewalks Must Go!

Once the snow stops ... between sunset and sunrise... you have...

- 3 hours to remove ice, slush or snow, if you rent, own or manage commercial property or have more than 6 residential units at a property.
- Up to 6 hours to remove ice, slush or snow, if you rent, own or manage a residential building with less than 6 units.

How Much Snow Should the Property Owner Shovel?

- Snow removal should cover the full paved width of the sidewalk or a minimum of 42 inches wide. Narrow paths encumber carriages and wheelchairs causing a rough ride!
- Each day that a violation exists shall be considered a separate and distinct violation.
- No person shall remove slush, snow, or ice from privately owned property and place it upon any sidewalk or street.

What Happens If I Don't Comply?

- Any violation occurring at a sidewalk abutting land zoned solely for residential use and that has six (6) or fewer residential units shall result in a fine of \$50.00.
- Any violation occurring at a sidewalk abutting land zoned solely for residential use and that has more than six (6) residential units or abuts vacant land shall result in a fine of one \$100.00.
- Any violation occurring at a sidewalk abutting any vacant land or land zoned for commercial shall result in a fine of \$150.00.

Remember to be a Good Neighbor

- Check and help out your elderly neighbors;
- Clear any snow around the sewer/catch basin in front of your home;
- Clear any snow that may be blocking a handicap ramp;
- Do not over exert yourself when removing snow and;
- Shovel out your fire hydrant.

See: CBC Chapter XVI, Subsection 16.12.16 for complete details
or call ISD's Code Enforcement Unit at (617) 635-4896.