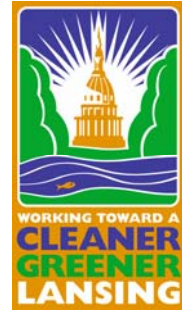




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Winter Season Reminders

**Residents, Property Owners and Businesses are required to Clear Sidewalks of Snow and Ice.
Parking on all City Streets is prohibited from 2:00 AM to 5:00 AM.**

(LANSING) – The City of Lansing's Public Service Department reminds residents, property owners and businesses of their role in winter maintenance and saving the City money during salting and/or snow clearing efforts. .

“While our Public Service crews work to clear the streets and city-owned sidewalks, we are asking for the help of our residents and businesses to clear the snow and ice from their sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow stops falling,” said Chad Gamble, Director of Lansing's Public Service Department. “We all have a role to play in ensuring that the City's sidewalks are safe for all of our residents, especially schoolchildren and senior citizens.”

Gamble noted that property owners can be ticketed for failing to clear their sidewalks. “We prefer to issue warnings that encourage people to comply,” Gamble said. “But we will issue tickets where they are needed to ensure that we have safe sidewalks in our neighborhoods and business districts.”

Under the City's snow and ice removal ordinance, civil fines for failure to clear sidewalks range from \$25-\$50 for a first offense up to \$200 for repeat offenses.

The Department also reminds Lansing residents that parking on city streets between 2:00 AM and 5:00 AM is prohibited so that city crews can efficiently clear the streets during a full plow. With the start of winter weather, it is essential for vehicles to be off the streets overnight. “Streets that are free and clear of parked cars allow our team members to safely and quickly clear the snow from local streets,” Gamble said. “Your cooperation in keeping our streets clear during these times will be greatly appreciated and will help the City save precious dollars for use in repairing roads in the Spring.”