

Sidewalks Require Shoveling Within 24 Hours

As winter returns, it's a good time to remind Longmont residents of their duty to clear the sidewalks adjacent to their property of snow and ice.

Longmont Municipal Code 9.04.130 states that the owner, manager, or tenant leasing the entire premises of any property abutting a public sidewalk, or any adult occupant of a single-family home abutting a public sidewalk, must clear the walk of snow and ice the entire width of the sidewalk or to at least four feet, whichever is less.

Residents with north facing sidewalks need to be especially vigilant, as the north facing walks will never experience enough "solar power" to melt snow or ice. The snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. Snow or ice has not "stopped falling" if additional snow or ice falls within four hours.

Failure to shovel the sidewalk abutting your property may result in an official notice from Code Enforcement. If you receive a notice in the mail, or as a door hanger, you have 24 hours to shovel the snow and remove the ice. If you do not comply with the official notice, you may be issued a summons, and the City will order a contractor to shovel the walks at your expense. The City's "Snow Chaser" program relies on volunteers to help clear sidewalks for seniors and disabled people who qualify.

To volunteer or to request help, call Kari Grotting, Longmont Senior Services, at 303-651-8495.

To report snow and ice violations on sidewalks, call Code Enforcement at 303-651-8695