

Citizen Snow & Ice Removal Responsibilities

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Snow Removal Policy

The number one priority for Douglas County is the safety and welfare of our residents. Douglas County has enacted policies in order to maintain a safe place to live, work, and play.

Cars Parked on Streets - Citizens can help the snow plow crews by parking their cars off the street when snow events are forecast to allow more complete removal/plowing of their streets. If a car is left on the street, it can become an obstacle to the plow drivers, and reduce the width of area cleared because of its presence.

It is beneficial to your neighborhood to move your car into your driveway as soon as possible to allow complete snowplowing of your street. Most county roads are considered a snow route and cars can be towed if they impede the plowing of snow.

Sidewalk Snow Removal - Douglas County has enacted an ordinance requiring all residents in unincorporated areas within Douglas County to remove sidewalk snow and ice within 24 hours of the cessation of a snow storm.

Anyone is at risk of injury when snow and ice remains on sidewalks, but young children and the elderly are most susceptible. Please remember to make a conscious effort to protect not only yourself, but those around you.

Place Snow in Yard - When clearing snow and ice, residents need to make sure they don't place it into the public streets. Doing so can cause ice buildup in the gutter and other safety issues. One of the benefits of placing the snow in your yard is a pre irrigation of your lawn for next spring

For more information on Douglas County snow removal information, please visit www.douglas.co.us/publicworks/operations/Snow_Ice_Removal.html or call the Public Works Department at 303.660.7480.

Consequences for not Adhering to this Policy

Property owners who do not adhere to the Douglas County snow removal policy may receive a written notice requiring that they remove the snow within the next 24 hours. If snow is removed from the sidewalks prior to the expiration of the posted 24-hour notice, no further action will take place. If snow is not removed within the posted 24-hour notice, the County may remove the snow and all related costs will be billed to the property owner where the conditions existed. Snow removal costs may be collected in any manner allowed by law, including but not limited to placing a lien on the property and collecting the amount in the same manner as real property taxes.

