



Snow doesn't happen very often in Ashland, but when it does it is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner to clear their sidewalk of ice and snow. This includes occupants of the Downtown Business District. Please feel free to contact the city code compliance specialist if you have any questions.

ASHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE 9.08.090 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

- A. No owner or person in charge of property, improved or unimproved, abutting on a public sidewalk shall permit:
1. Snow to remain on the sidewalk for a period longer than the first two (2) hours of daylight after the snow has fallen.
 2. Ice to remain on the sidewalk for more than two (2) hours of daylight after the ice has formed unless the ice is covered with sand, ashes, or other suitable material to assure safe travel.
- B. Snow and ice removal is a Class IV violation.

ASHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE 13.04.020 DUTY TO REPAIR & CLEAR SIDEWALKS

It is the duty of the owners of land adjoining any street to maintain in good repair and to remove obstructions from the adjacent sidewalk.

- A. The owner of real property responsible for maintaining the adjacent sidewalk shall be primarily liable to any person injured because of any negligence of such person in failing to maintain the sidewalk in good condition.
- B. If the City is required to pay damages for the injury to persons or property caused by the failure of the owner to perform the duty which this section imposes, such owner shall compensate the City for the amount of the damages thus paid, plus court costs and fees incurred by the City. The City may maintain an action in any court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this Section.



CITY OF ASHLAND



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

UTILITIES

It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain and repair the water supply line and the lateral sewer line connected to the home. A good rule of thumb is that any utility line extending from the water meter to the home is the responsibility of the property owner and any utility line extending from the water meter into the public right of way is the responsibility of the City.

LANDSCAPING & PROPERTY UPKEEP

Property owners should keep their properties in good repair. The maintenance of fencing, noxious weeds, and tow away junk vehicles should be cared for on a continual basis. Promoting a safe, clean, and attractive neighborhood is your job as a homeowner.

TREES & SHRUBS

Any tree or shrub growing on private property or in a planting strip abutting public property that is endangering the use of any public street, sewer, sidewalk or utility, should be trimmed. Any tree or shrub extending into the public street should be trimmed to provide a minimum of 14 feet vertical clearance or a minimum of 12 feet vertical clearance for an alley used by vehicles.

INTERSECTION VISION CLEARANCE

All intersections should be cleared of overhanging tree branches, shrubs, or any vegetation that may obstruct the line of sight for a driver in the public right of way. The property owner is responsible for the trimming of any vegetation that obstructs traffic lights, traffic signs, or street signs. It is imperative that the property owner maintain vision clearance for users accessing the public rights of way.

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SIDEWALKS

It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the planting strips and sidewalks adjacent to their property. Sidewalks should be clear of leaves, ice, snow, litter, and any other hazard that may block the pathway. Overgrown vegetation that goes beyond the property owner's property line should be trimmed. Plants, tree branches, or hedges should not be an obstruction to anyone accessing the sidewalk.

The property owner is also responsible for repairing or replacing the sidewalk adjacent to their property. Property owners are liable for any person injured as a result of a neglected sidewalk. The City may deem a sidewalk unsafe and require the resident to repair the issue. If the property owner fails to repair the sidewalk, the City may repair and the costs will be assessed to the property owner.

SIDEWALK FURNITURE

The sidewalk should be clear of any permanent obstructions including utilities, mail boxes, traffic control devices, trees, and furniture. When reconstructing sidewalks and relocating utilities, all utility access points and obstructions should be relocated in an area that will not obstruct the pedestrian right of way.

Placing sidewalk dining, seating, or any permanent fixtures in front of businesses require a permit from the City.

TEMPORARY ITEMS

Temporary items such as "free" goods shall not be placed on the public street or sidewalk. Free goods displayed on private residential property for short periods does not require a permit or approval.