

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**TOPIC:** ASSISTANCE DEALING WITH SNOW

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**FOR RELEASE:** IMMEDIATELY

As a reminder, property owners are responsible for removing snow from their sidewalks. If assistance is needed, local contractors who do snow removal can be found in the yellow pages or through advertising. Some volunteer groups also offer assistance.

When clearing parking lots or sidewalks, business owners and residents are asked to avoid piling the snow in the street. This is particularly a problem when businesses push snow from their parking lots into the street rather than piling it on their property. Snow piled in the street creates a hazard for motorists and pedestrians, and prevents water from reaching the catchbasins when the snow melts. Public Works crews try not to plow snow onto sidewalks, but when large piles are encountered they do end up back in the curb line.

For questions regarding the City's Snow Removal Policy, please contact the Public Works Office at 296-5401, extension 0, between 7:30am and 4:00pm.