

CITY OF BIDDEFORD, MAINE

WINTER SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CLEARING SNOW/ICE FROM THE PUBLIC SIDEWALKS IN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AREA

While the City has Ordinances in place (Chapter 62 Sec. 62-1) requiring property owners in the Downtown Business Area to remove ice and snow from the public sidewalks abutting their properties, it really is more about the business owners cooperatively working together to make the downtown safe and inviting for your customers.

The Downtown Business Area includes the following streets :

Adams St. (Main to Jefferson)	Main St. (Elm to Water)
Alfred St. (Main to Mt.Vernon)	Pool St. (Alfred to Foss)
Elm St. (Saco River to Center St)	South St. (Adams to Jefferson)
Federal St.	Washington St. (Main to Jefferson)
Franklin St.	Washington St. (Jefferson to
Jefferson St.	Alfred, East side)
Lincoln St.	Water St. (Hill to Sullivan)

The City has ownership of a number of properties within this area. Therefore, its' Public Works Dept. is charged with the responsibility of clearing snow/ice in those areas. In doing so, the Department typically assists the other property owners by running its' sidewalk plow wherever it fits in the area. However, this does not relieve the other property owners of their responsibility to clear snow/ice. Also, the City offers free sand/salt mixture at the Recycling/Transfer Station, 371 Hill St. during the winter months. There is a limit of two 5-gallon buckets per day.

In cases where a property owner does not address his/her responsibility, fines can be imposed and the City can charge the owner for clearing the sidewalk.

Please call the Public Works Department, 282-1579, to report any problems.